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Mr. Editor:

In the report of the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Athenæum, the absence of an enterprising reporter was illustrated by the lack of proper attention given to one of the most important matters considered. This was the motion adopted appointing a committee to consider the feasibility of organizing a historical society. This movement started in connection with a motion for a vote of thanks to Mrs. Owen, of Springfield, for her gift of a photograph, referred to in her letter given below. The person who seconded this motion remarked upon the great need of an institution for the collection and preservation of records, material, etc., illustrating the past history of the island. The assembly responded cordially, and a committee was appointed as stated in your report last week. In a letter to her friend Mrs. Starbuck, received since the annual meeting, Mrs. Owen writes: "I have long wanted a historical society in Nantucket. I know there are treasures in old trunks, drawers, etc. yet, in spite of the ravages of the great fire."

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MRS. OWEN'S LETTER.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct 27, 1892.

To the Stockholders of the Nantucket Athenæum.

Dear friends:—The Old South Meeting-house in Boston, has been used of late years as a historical museum, or repository for objects of interest, illustrating the domestic life of our ancestors and the history of our country. I was walking through it, one day, inspecting the books and autographs, the old portraits and old furniture, articles of dress equally old and interesting, and the rest of the antiquities, when I came across something very familiar,—the wall paper (represented by photographs) that had been daily before my eyes from my babyhood to my marriage; the very paper selected in Boston by my grandfather, about the year 1818, for the new house he was building "under the bark." He bought it in two colors; in grays deepening to black for one room, in shades of blue for the other; this latter, now in its seventy-fourth year, remains on the walls to the present day. It was admired in its time,—it is worthy of admiration in this later period, for it was really good in design and execution. The scenery seems to be that of Southern Europe—Italy perhaps.

Seeing my old acquaintance in such distinguished company, I thought to myself, now if the paper is worth preserving in the Old South historical collection, it is worth keeping in Nantucket, and if I can get it photographed and the stockholders will accept the gift, the Athenæum shall have it. I interested Miss Gertrude M. King in my plan, and she gave me kind and skilful help; Mr. Winn, the present owner of the house, gave her every facility in his power, and the work is well done—remarkably so—when the interference of the light from the windows is considered. I leave, then, the little gift with you, hoping that it may add somewhat to the interest of the museum or library, and although Nantucket is not now my home, I shall subscribe myself what I always am in heart, with high regard your townsman,

MARIA L. OWEN.

Original draft of  
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Annual Meeting of the Athenaeum Shareholders, January 2, 1893.

Voted that a committee of five be chosen by nomination to consider the feasibility of organizing a historical and antiquarian department to be connected with the Nantucket Athenaeum.

The following ~~names~~ persons were chosen:- Rev. M.S. Dudley, Allen Coffin, Esqr.,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck, Harry Platt, and Mrs. Charlotte C. Pearson.

An. Meeting. , Jan. 1. 1894.

Voted that the trustees will allow the use of a room in the Ath. building for the meetings of <sup>the</sup> Historical Society.

Voted that the Reception of the report of Committee appointed to consider the subject of a Historical and Antiquarian Department to be connected with the Athenaeum be deferred till a meeting of the same has been held.

Voted that the further consideration of the subject be laid ~~on~~ upon the table.

*and By-Laws*      *Historical*  
Constitution of the Nantucket ~~(Memorial)~~ Association.

Article I. The objects of this Association shall be the collection<sup>tion</sup> and preserving<sup>ation of</sup> such memorials, books, papers and curiosities, as ~~may~~ may tend to illustrate and perpetuate the history of the early settlers of this island, and of the race which vanished before them; and the securing of a memorial building in which such collections can be preserved.

Article II. The officers of this Association shall be a President, ~~two~~<sup>Six</sup> Vice-Presidents, a Recording and <sup>a</sup> Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer, who, with seven others to be elected, shall constitute a Council of ~~thirteen~~<sup>Seven</sup>. The President, (and in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents) shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Council. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the ~~doings~~ doings of the Association and the Council, and a list of all the members of the Association, with date of admission. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, and keep on file all letters received and copies of all letters sent. ~~series~~. The Treasurer shall give such surety for the faithful <sup>performance</sup> ~~performance~~ of his duties as the Council shall require; he shall collect all dues, and receive and pay out all money belonging to the Association under the direction of the Finance Committee, without whose order no money shall be invested or paid from the treasury. He shall report at the annual meeting in detail, the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year; and shall keep the books always open to the inspection of any member. He shall keep a list of the members of the Association, with ~~date~~ date of all payments made as fees for membership.

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Article III. The annual meeting of the Association shall be ~~be~~ held during the month of June, at such date in the month as may be fixed upon by the Council, when all officers shall be chosen by ballot, and a majority of ballots shall be necessary to elect. The annual Council shall be on the same day, or at such other time as may be fixed by the Council.

Article IV. Any person may become and continue a member of this # Association by the payment of ~~three~~ <sup>one</sup> dollars, and an ~~annual~~ <sup>per year</sup> tax of ~~one~~ dollar. Any person may become a life member, and be entitled to a certificate of membership, on the payment of twenty-five dollars. Any person may become a life Councilor by a vote of the Association, on the payment of one hundred dollars, and shall be entitled to a certificate of membership. The first annual tax shall be due September 1, 1894. Any member may withdraw from the Association by paying all dues, and ~~giving a written notice to the Secretary.~~

~~Article V. The Association shall incur no debts beyond the amount of money in the treasury; nor shall any member be subject to any taxation by the Association beyond the dues as before mentioned.~~

Article VI. The Librarian and Cabinet-keeper shall have charge of all books, papers and curiosities of the Association, and shall record in a book kept for that purpose a full list of the articles in his possession, with the name of the donor <sup>and the date</sup> when such articles are presented.

Article VII. The stated meetings of the Association and Council shall be called by the President<sup>+</sup>, who shall give notice through some ## newspaper published on this island, of the time and place of holding the same, seven days before the time appointed. Articles shall be inserted in said call on the written application of three members. He ## shall in like manner, call occasional meetings of the Council upon the application of three members; and of the Association, upon the application of seven members, said application being in writing, stating the object for <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ such meeting is called.

over Article VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the # Association at any ~~annual~~ meeting, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, notice of said proposed change having been

(or in his absence one of the Vice Pres.)?

in the call of said meeting.

This proposed Constitution is  
recommended for adoption.

- Elizabeth Starbuck

- Charlotte C. Pearson

- Allen Coffin

- Myron S. Dudley.

- Harry Platt

Com. appointed at the An-  
nual meeting of the share-  
holders of Athenaeum

NANTUCKET, May 17th, 1894.

Mr. Editor:

Through your paper which is welcomed by so many Nantucketers, both here and "off-island," I wish to send a message. Especially do I speak to those whose home-affection is tinged with regret as they think of the dear old town, and "of the days that are no more." We who have lived so many decades that continued existence has come to mean adaptation to new conditions, find an increasing value in familiar words and objects, which before our very eyes have become bits of history and suggestions of a life now gone forever; for the Nantucket of the future, though the lineal descendant, is not at all the spiritual off-spring of the Nantucket of the past. It is natural and right that the new should in great measure supplant the old; but those of us who are living through the transition time, take a pathetic pride in directing the attention of those whose ancestry is part of the Nantucket story, and of those other foreign-born but sympathetic lovers of our island, backward to the "glory that was Greece, and the grandeur that was Rome."

In accordance with this sentiment, so widely spread and so deeply felt, a Nantucket Historical Association has been formed, for the purpose of collecting books, manuscripts and mementoes of any sort, serving to illustrate the history of the island as it was known to us, and to our fore-fathers, and even to the original dwellers, whom we with Destiny, have quite dispossessed. A week ago an informal meeting, composed of some of those interested in the subject, was held at the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck, and the society was organized then. At the second meeting, held May 16th at the same place, an executive board was chosen: Rev. Myron S. Dudley and Mr. Henry S. Wyer were made vice-presidents; Miss Mary E. Starbuck, recording secretary; Miss Susie Starbuck, corresponding secretary; Mr. Alexander H. Seaverns, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles B. Swain, Mrs. Henry U. Bennett, Mrs. George G. Fish, Miss Susie E. Brock, Rev. Edward C. Gardner, Mr. Wendell Macy and Mr. Arthur H. Gardner, coun-

cilors. This makes a council of thirteen, when we have a president. It was greatly desired by the society that Mrs. Joseph S. Barney should take that position; but the public-spirited lady finds her time already so filled, that, at present at least, she cannot take upon herself additional duties which are bound to become more onerous as time goes on. So it was voted to keep the office vacant for a while, trusting that if we cannot have our first choice, the place will finally be satisfactorily filled. Anyone may become a member of the Association by paying one dollar a year. Fifty-two have already joined. By paying twenty-five dollars, one may become a life-member; and for one hundred dollars, a life councilor.

It has been decided to print the Constitution, and up to the time of its going to press the names of all persons joining the society will be published in the list of original members. A committee has been appointed to find some suitable place in which to put the donations which already have begun to come in. Probably at first, some room or rooms will be rented for the purpose; but it is the wish of the Society to buy some old Nantucket house, preferably one that has not been modernized, and to make that the head-quarters of the association and its belongings. Our first gift—from Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck—is a straw basket, made by her mother. We have also a deed, drawn up by the first Edward Starbuck; a spinning-wheel; and Abram Quarry's churn. Moreover, we have a small amount of money in the treasury.

It is possible that my message may seem somewhat of an appeal. Obviously it is desirable for many reasons to increase the membership indefinitely; and naturally, too, we hope that the needs and aims of the Society may find friendly and substantial recognition. Nantucket has had no idyllic village career; but a real history, which has influenced the making of many chapters in the Nation's Life. Let us preserve the memorials of a time when a centre of energy was just here, little island, far out at sea.

Good Suggestions.  
It has been suggested,—and the idea appears to be favorably received,—that the Improvement Association purchase the building on Fair street, known as Friends' Meetinghouse, which is offered for sale, with the idea of preserving it as one of the island's landmarks.  
It is also suggested that the Historical Society purchase one of the oldest houses (of Sherborn date), and fit the rooms with furnishings of the olden time.

MAY 19, 1894.

Another meeting of the new historical society will be held in Athenaeum library next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, and all interested are cordially requested to be present.

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# Nantucket HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Nantucket People, Resident and Non-resident, and the General Public:—

Our Society being now an established fact, and comprising already about ninety members, our first duty is to make an earnest appeal to the people at home and abroad for that support without which no historical association can prosper.

We appeal with confidence to that pride in our Island's history, and that love for all that pertains to its honorable past, its ancestry, literature traditions that is inbred in all loyal Nantucketers.

We desire to map out clearly and briefly our plans for the coming season. Our treasury being as yet very limited, we have deemed it advisable to keep expenses as low as possible. We have been fortunate in securing the use of two rooms in the "Renben Joy Homestead," corner of Main and Gardner Sts. at a trifling rental, (the owners being deeply interested in the movement). In these rooms it is proposed to place as choice a collection as possible of articles of historic interest, to be opened to the public about July 1st for the season.

## LOAN EXHIBITION.

A small admission fee will be charged, one or more of the committee being in attendance.

Our space being limited to these two rooms, it will be necessary to choose from the articles offered such as will be most interesting to the public, and insure an attractive exhibit. In view of this fact, we trust that those who offer articles that we cannot find place for in this exhibition will make due allowance for our limitations.

## PERMANENT COLLECTION.

We would announce also that we shall be prepared to receive and be duly grateful for any and all articles that may be presented to the Association to form the nucleus of a permanent collection. From these selections will be made for the exhibition and the balance stored in the best place available.

We shall of course be glad to receive gifts of money as well, as these would enable us to purchase very desirable articles that are from time to time offered.

## TO INTENDING CONTRIBUTORS.

Any person desiring to contribute to either the Loan Exhibition or to the Permanent Collection is requested to (1) write a brief description (giving names and points of historical interest) of each article, whether it be furniture, picture, document, &c., &c. (2) To carefully specify whether the article is intended as a gift to the Association, or merely as a loan. *It is important to have this point clearly understood in entering the articles on our records.*

All possible care will be taken of everything contributed.

## PLEASE NOTICE.

Before sending in the articles it is requested that intending contributors send the descriptive notes (as above suggested) signed with their names, to any of the undersigned members of the Receiving Committee, and await a response:

MISS SUSIE E. BROCK,  
MR. WENDELL MACY,  
MR. H. S. WYER,  
MISS MARY E. MACY,  
MRS. M. S. DUDLEY,  
DR. GEO. H. GARDNER,  
MR. ROBERT B. KING,  
MR. A. H. SEAVERNS,  
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MRS. M. W. VALENTINE.

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## Inquirer and Mirror.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1893.

—THE vote of the Proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum, appointing a committee to report on the advisability of organizing a historical, genealogical and antiquarian department annex, was a good move. Nantucket has many valuable relics and ancient manuscripts, which, if they could all be placed in some safe repository under proper custodians, would prove a source of interest and enjoyment to many people. Such a collection would probably form the basis for much historical information that now lies slumbering in fragments in old chests stowed away in ancestral attics. Let them be brought to light and preserved.

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Association for change of time and place of next meeting.

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## A Few Questions

Addressed to the Unity Hall Building Committee.

On Saturday last it became my duty, as member of a committee of the Nantucket Improvement Society, to visit the old Friends' Meeting-house on Fair street, with my colleagues. The object of the visit was to inspect the building, its contents and surroundings, with a view to the purchase of it by the Society, the main purpose being to preserve this time-honored landmark intact for future generations. It has been well known by many of our community for some weeks that the property was in the market. It has also been well known that steps were being taken by our society toward securing it, there being a strong feeling among many of the fitness of this step.

I may state here authoritatively, that, after inspecting the building, the four members of the committee were unanimously in favor of purchasing, and that on Tuesday at 8 P. M. were in a position to guarantee the amount required (\$1000).

But, alas, we were a few hours too late. For reasons best known to yourselves, your agent had demanded that the refusal that had been given us should terminate on Tuesday. Our committee being at the time of our meeting unprepared to guarantee the purchase, were reluctantly compelled to let it go by default. We have since been informed that the property has been secured by your agent, and that the Friends' Meeting-house is practically yours. To say that we are disappointed would be to put it mildly; but business is business, and the deed is done, though probably no deed has yet been passed.

Now, it is not my purpose to criticise the methods employed in this matter. Neither do I deny your legal right to purchase any property that is in the market; but, as a citizen of this community, and a descendant of Friends (how many of us are not?), I claim the right to ask a question or two of you.

You have acquired possession of this venerable landmark, an invaluable relic of Nantucket's older days, hallowed by its associations with a body of noble men and women from whom has issued a large proportion of the bone and sinew (moral and physical) of our people—may I not say of our nation? Is it your intention to preserve it, intact, within and without, for future generations? If this be your purpose, it only remains for me to congratulate you and our community on a noble act, worthy of descendants of the Nantucket Friends. Or (is my apprehension without foundation?) do you intend to strip and remodel it, and adapt it to the various uses of a public hall? Should the latter prove to be your purpose, I should feel it to be my duty, and the duty of every loyal Nantucketer, to protest against it with

all possible emphasis. There is at present quite a wave of interest in the newly-born Nantucket Historical Association. Already more than ninety members are enrolled, representing our most public-spirited people, irrespective of church or politics. Its purpose is, primarily, to collect and preserve all relics of Nantucket's past. Can it be possible that, in face of this fact, the Friends' Meeting-house is to be remodeled and adapted for theatrical, musical and other purposes? Why, the echo of the footsteps of the last worshipper have hardly ceased to reverberate within its walls!

Would that it were possible for our citizens to hold for once a silent meeting in the old place! To such of their numbers as are capable of feeling—who are conscious at times of the "inner light"—(need I say that this would include a very large proportion?) the silence would seem more eloquent than spoken words; more convincing and satisfying than even the average modern sermon. Can you not see even now in imagination the calm, benignant faces of those who sat in silence on those plain wooden benches? Can you not hear the voices that, as the spirit moved them, rang out for freedom, honesty, purity? True, they were human, like ourselves, but were they not more consistent?

Setting aside all sentiment, is it *policy* for us to continue to "improve" out of all their original character one old landmark after another, until our town shines resplendent from end to end in red, yellow, green and blue, with bay and dormer windows on every side? In perfect keeping with all these are our ancient shops, sail-lofts and warehouses, beplastered with huge signs heralding the virtues of Swash's Soap, Stiggins' Sarsaparilla, and Skagg's Chewing Gum!!! Is it to be supposed that these things add to the attractiveness of our town in the eyes of intelligent summer visitors?

To return to my subject, I will only say in conclusion that I anticipate, confidently, that after further consideration, you will accede to public sentiment in this matter, and, since the building can be of but little use to you as it stands, decide to turn it over to a society which stands ready to take it and preserve it intact. It may be asked, must the building remain unused? Not at all; let it be used for any proper purposes, as long as they do not involve stripping and remodeling it. I should be sorry to see a single article of its furniture removed permanently. Above all, let us not allow this matter to engender rancorous personal feeling, but let us discuss it dispassionately as becomes the subject. I have expressed my opinion freely as is my habit, before consulting others. Am I alone in this opinion?

H. S. WYER.

NANTUCKET, June 13, 1894.

July 1st has been proposed by the Council of the Nantucket Historical Association as the date on which shall be printed the Constitution, together with the list of original members, including all names entered before that time.

NOTICE.  
THERE will be a special meeting of the Nantucket Historical Association in the Athenaeum Library Friday afternoon, June 15th at 4 o'clock, called by the acting president, to consider the following proposed amendments to the constitution: First, to increase the number of vice-presidents; second, to increase the number of councilors; also to consider such other business as may arise.  
MARY E. STARBUCK, Secretary.

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For The Inquirer and Mirror.

### The Meeting House.

Mr. Editor:

The prompt decision of the Unity Hall Committee to relinquish their claim to this building is as creditable to them as it is gratifying to a large proportion of the community. It is due to these ladies to say that the committee of the Improvement Association are entirely satisfied that no injustice was intended by them, they having been unware that any refusal had been given when they took the first step. As both parties seem to be satisfied, the matter should no longer be open to controversy.

Since certain persons have criticised statements in my first communication, asserting that the building is not old—not a landmark—not a meeting-house—and that those who worshipped there were not Friends, it is perhaps well that the facts shall be briefly stated here. The building was erected by the Society of Friends in 1838, on the lot which adjoined the original meeting-house, and was used as a school-house until 1855, the teacher being John Boodle, an Englishman, whose assistant was Hepsibeth C. Hussey. In 1864 the original meeting house was sold and removed from the island, and the society converted the school house into a meeting house which they occupied from 1865 until 1892. Thus it is evident that the building was identified with the Friends for about 54 years, and is to all intents a landmark and a relic of them which should be preserved to futurity.

H. S. WYER.

Mr. James W. Folger has presented a fine oil portrait of Hon. Walter Folger (his great grandfather) to the Nantucket Historical Society. It was executed by himself.

The Historical Association now has 100 names on its roster. Pretty good record for a month old organization.

Consult advertisement of Historical Association for change of time and place of next meeting.

—THE action of the Unity Hall building committee in conceding the ground taken by members of the Improvement Association, regarding the purchase of Friends' meetinghouse, is commended on all sides, and we are gratified that the affair has been so amicably adjusted that all are satisfied. As indications now point, the Historical Association will likely become the owner of the building—as it should—and it will be in good hands and devoted to purposes its original owners could certainly offer no objections to. It is proposed to raise the amount for its purchase by subscription, and already several have offered to contribute a \$10 note each to the fund.

We are also gratified to hear of the project of consolidating the Improvement with the Historical Association, the former to turn over its property to the latter, under certain conditions, to be hereafter named, and a meeting of the Improvement Society is advertised for next Wednesday evening, at Friends' meetinghouse, when it is supposed this matter will come up for consideration. And all the while the Historical Association is moving in the matter of a charter, by which it will be empowered to hold property. With the consolidated force, much good must result, and we wish the plan success.

### Nantucket HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Meeting called for Thursday, June 28th, for the purpose of electing a President and the transaction of any other business that may come up, will be held at the Friends' Meeting House on Fair Street, at 3 p. m., of the same day, instead of at the Athenaeum as at first announced. A full attendance of members is requested and all others interested are invited to be present.

M. E. STARBUCK, Sec'y.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Intending contributors to the Loan Exhibition are requested to send their articles to Mr. Seaverns's residence at earliest convenience, or if they prefer, notify either of the receiving committee, who will call for the articles. See list of committee on another page. Promptness is earnestly requested.

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A MEETING of the Nantucket Historical Association will be held at the Friends' Meeting House, Fair St., July 25th, at 4 o'clock p. m. to consider the following questions: First—the acceptance of the resignations of Mr. Freeborn, Dr. Gardner, Mr. Fish and Mr. Brock, and the filling of the vacancies caused thereby; Second—the purchasing of the Fair St. Meeting House; Third—the subject of the Loan Exhibition; and also to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.  
MARY E. STARBUCK,  
Sec. Sec'y.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.  
Mr. Editor:

### Indian Names of Nantucket.

The following list of Indian names, found in the various records of Nantucket and adjacent islands, as designations of persons and places, has been collected through a series of years. In only a few cases has the undersigned been able to discover the English translation of these words. They are now published with a desire to gain the following information.

1. Any correction or variation in spelling that may come to the knowledge of any reader of this list.

2. Additions to this list.

3. It is especially desirable to secure the English equivalent to these Indian words.

The undersigned will be pleased to receive any aid that may enable him to complete and perfect a list of Nantucket Indian names and their English equivalents.

Tuckernuck—a loaf of bread.	
Quaise—Reed land.	
Coatue—a long point.	
Miacomet—a meeting place.	
Weweeder—a pair of horns.	
Wesco, or	
Wesko—White stone.	
Wannacomet—The pond fields.	
Toupche—Teepe; or Wigwam.	
Nanahuma.	Mioxes.
Nantucket.	Chappomis.
Masquetuck.	Tetaukimmo.
Maddequet, or Mad-	Popsquatchet.
equet.	Qanatee, or Quaraty.
Muskeget.	Tashma.
Nobadeer, or Neba-	Ease.
deer.	Jehoop.
Polpis, or Podpis.	Easake.
Moona.	Taudy.
Monomoy.	Panchama.
Shimo.	Ticcoma.
Shawkemo.	Munke.
Pocomo.	Toto.
Nauma.	Netawar.
Coskata.	Jusap.
Wauwinet.	Poppomer.
Squam.	Spotsor.
Wanackmamack.	Topsha.
Okorwaw.	Poppoiner.
Quidnit.	Harcalus.
Cotockta.	Peteray.
Herrecater.	Nonish.
Cheegin.	Never, or Neaver.
Weecodroy.	Esor.
Socquoy.	Wossey.
Sachacha.	Homney.
Sankota, or Sankaty.	Cordody.
Peedee.	Apte.
Naphtecoy.	Micha.
Canoopache.	Sponak.
Pochick.	Echaraca.
Siasconet.	Massasoit.
Madequecham.	

Most of the names at the head of the list are designations of localities on the island. Massasoit is the Indian name of the bridge across Long pond, not far from its southern end. Was this a Nantucket name or was it imported from the Plymouth colony?

The names from "Tashma" to "Echaraca," inclusive, are copied from a list of Indian names of persons found in an old bible several years ago.

MYRON S. DUDLEY.  
NANTUCKET, Mass., July 11, '94.

### Massasoit.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

Mr. Editor:

After reading the interesting communication from Rev. Myron S. Dudley upon "Indian names of Nantucket," I am led to send you a little reminiscence of a friend of my school days, and a quaint conceit of his regarding his pride of descent from the good old State of Massachusetts. He was an old gentleman, with an active, though somewhat erratic brain; something of a philologist; and in his curious unravelling of words, he sometimes was reliable and sometimes drew upon his own fertile imagination and invention. He had been descanting proudly upon the Old Bay State, and maintaining that it was the grandest State in the Union; in fact, the favored State of the Lord. And to prove it, he proceeded to pick to pieces, in his own peculiar way, the two words: "Massasoit" and "Massachusetts;" and summed up thus: "Looking out over all the States, the Lord saw the old Bay State, that is, Massasoit (The Massa' saw it); and, liking it better than all the rest, why, Massachusetts, (Massa' choose it for his own), hence Massachusetts in Indian nomenclature is the chosen State of the Lord. I give this to your readers, not at all as an authentic answer to Mr. Dudley's inquiry regarding the Indian chieftain's name of Massasoit, but as just a facetious bubble to join the summer ripples around Brant Point.

ANNA STARBUCK JENKS,  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 16th, '94.

For President,

JOSEPH SIDNEY MITCHELL, M. D.

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1894.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.  
Mr. Editor:

Two months ago there was published in your paper an account of the organization of the Nantucket Historical Association. It may be of interest to some of your readers to know what has been done since that time. The Society has become incorporated, and has now a membership of one hundred and thirty. At the harmonious and interesting meeting of last Wednesday, the resignations of the temporary officers were received, and the non-residents reinstated. Dr. Sidney Mitchell of Chicago, was unanimously elected President — an honor which he accepted with his customary dignity and grace. Though he is here only during the summer, the association is to be congratulated upon having at its head a man so cultivated, so widely known, and one who is so true a representative of old Nantucket, and who by ancestry and sentiment is wholly an Islander. A vote of thanks, richly deserved, was given Mr. Dudley — two members rising simultaneously to make the motion—for his untiring efforts in behalf of the society, which owes so much both to him and to his able and faithful co-worker, Mr. Henry Wyer. Mr. Andrew J. Morton was made (in recognition of his help in procuring the charter) a life member of the association. In his acknowledgment, he stated at once that he could not make a speech, and then delightfully disproved his assertion. Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck continued her special work of cheering and encouraging, by reading us a little article from her own pen, showing the value of enthusiasm.

The president recommended the buying of the Fair Street Meeting-House, as an old and valuable landmark, and also to serve temporarily as headquarters for the society. A motion was made that the life membership be reduced to fifteen dollars, and that these fees should be devoted to the building fund. Seven persons immediately gave their names for life membership, viz: Dr. J. Sidney Mitchell, Mr. George B. Upton, Miss Susan Starbuck, Miss Annie Folger, Mr. H. S. Wyer, Mr. H. P. Starbuck, Mrs. Judith Mitchell. The council was authorized to take steps toward purchasing the Meeting House, which it is hoped we shall be able to buy during the summer, since it needs but a thousand dollars, and we are already well along on the second hundred; for besides two life memberships, there have been several donations, one at least, "just for John Boadle's sake."

Early in August the by-laws and list of original members will be printed, and anyone desirous of becoming a charter member has only to send a dollar to the treasurer, Mr. Seaverns, with the understanding of course that he is to send a like sum yearly.

I would again call attention to the fact that all who care for the island and its traditions are welcome. The satisfaction of being a Nantucketer is not for all the world, and we would mitigate, as far as possible, the lot of those less fortunate than ourselves, by instructing them in our past history and by sharing with them the privilege of perpetuating its memory.

M. E. S.

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## NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

TO dispel any misapprehension that may exist on the subject, the public are hereby informed that the proposed loan exhibition has been postponed until next season, to allow adequate time for collection and arrangement. The committee are still prepared, however, to receive any donations to the Association, and hope to collect many articles of interest in time for the meeting of August 8th. At 10 a. m., of August 7th, members of the committee will be at the Meeting-house to receive donations.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

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### NOTICE.

A MEETING of the Nantucket Historical Association will be held at the Friends' Meeting House, Fair Street, Wednesday, August 8th, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering amendments to the constitution, and for the transaction of such other business as may come up.

M. E. STARBUCK, Sec'y.

Nantucket, July 31st, 1894.

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### Historical Association.

Although the committee do not think it advisable to open a loan exhibition this year, yet as several articles of unusual interest have lately been presented to the Nantucket Historical Society, it is proposed to show them at the meeting on Wednesday, August 8th; and it is further suggested, that those who are willing to contribute articles should send them to the Meeting-House on Fair street, Tuesday morning, August 7th, at 10 o'clock, when a committee will be in attendance to receive and number them.

### Stolen.

Last week, on the day of the excursion, some visitors to the old mill appropriated the key to the ancient lock of that institution. The key was made in 1748, and was valued as a relic. Mr. Hoy, the keeper, says he will willingly give the person who took the key the keyhole in exchange.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

Mr. Editor:

I have noticed, with interest and pleasure, the items which you have published from time to time concerning the Nantucket Historical Society. The organization comes none too soon, for it seems well that it should take shape while some of those who have made the history of the island are still with us. The number of master mariners and of sailors o far seas, to whom Nantucket's past is still a living present in memory, grows sadly less each year, as one after another of these old shipmasters weighs anchor for his last voyage. It seems a happy fortune that the opportunity to buy the old Friends' Meeting-house on Fair street should come just at this time. No more fitting storehouse for the treasures of the past could be found, and no more appropriate fate for the historic building itself. It is sincerely to be hoped that all whom it may concern will aid generously in obtaining the building for the home of the society. And surely, it concerns all who love the dear old place, those who feel the charm of the tales of by-gone days, and those in whose veins runs the blood of the early pioneers, to save from oblivion and from loss the memory and the mementoes of the brave and upright men and women who made a barren, windswept isle of the sea, a centre of active life and a power of civilization.

The past has always its lesson for the present. The Historical Society, if it fills its place, will not divert energy from other good work. It will go hand in hand with the Improvement Society, the Boys' Club, and with every organization that is trying to make life below worth living today in this community. It will make the past live for us with such vital reality that we shall feel as if in the presence of the men and women who made a history for their time, and we shall be constrained to meet the problems of our day with courage and energy, or to count ourselves forever unworthy of our ancestors.

E. R. C.

Nantucket Historical Association.

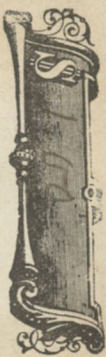
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INCORPORATED JULY 9, 1894.

Nantucket, Mass., Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1894.

Received of Miss Mary E. Starbuck

One Dollar, dues for the year ending May 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.



NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

A. H. Deane. Treasurer.

Nantucket Historical Association.

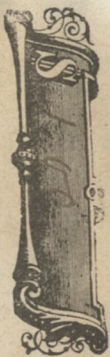
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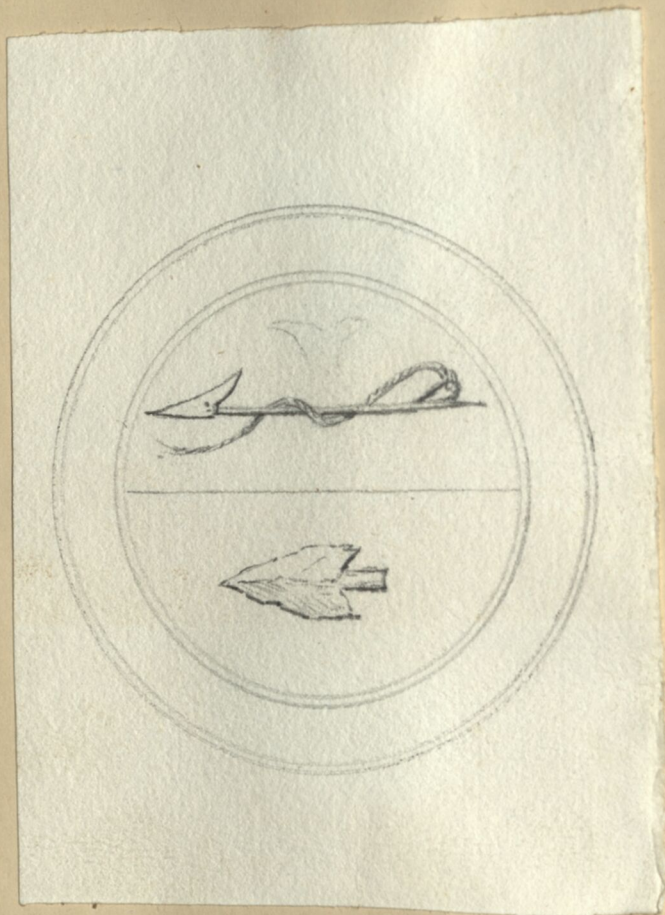
Received of Mrs. James Pryor

One Dollar, dues for the year ending May 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.



NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

A. H. Deane. Treasurer.



One of the designs for Seal.  
Sept 24. 1894

That the Council of this Association be authorised and do by this vote is authorised to place a mortgage upon the property known as the Fair Street 7 view's Meeting-house for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ sum of six hundred dollars, said mortgage to be given to the Hartford Ins. & Savings-

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That the Council be authorised and ~~do~~ hereby authorise to place a mortgage upon the 7 view's Meeting-house, so called; no bond or other expected.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

### An Interesting Historical Note.

An old paper has been presented to the Historical Association, by Mrs. Ann M. Worth. It is a copy of *Fowle's New Hampshire Gazette and the General Advertiser*, date, Friday, October 28, 1785, Portsmouth: Printed and Published By Melcher and Osborne, in Paved Street. Vol. xxix, No. 1514. Motto, "Open to all parties—influenced by none:—we aim only to be just."

The topic of special interest to this island is an "extract of a letter from Nantucket," date March 16th, of the year 1785:

"The island of Nantucket has held two town meetings on the subject of independence, and has adjourned until the first week in April next, to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Government and Council at Boston, setting forth their inability of paying their taxes, and the daily depreciation of the island, and likewise to request a separation from their government to enable them to make a contract with England to carry on the whale fishery free from duty. I doubt not it will be granted. Because they are unable to pay their taxes by reason of the duty on oil, and the rapid depopulation of monied men; because the whale fishery will be carried into Nova Scotia, and the island left desolate. The advantages set forth are, that it will employ at least one hundred square rigged vessels from this state, and give every man a chance of adventuring under the cloak of Nantucket property. It will employ hundreds of men from the United States, and thousands within (the island.) It will bring an annual profit into this state from their produce, double or treble the amount of their present tax—will make a fund for remittance, and check the growth and interest of Nova Scotia. William Rotch sails for England, in May, who is to be an Embassy to lay the matter before the King and Parliament, provided it succeeds at the Court of Boston."

M. S. D.

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1894

Dug. & Munroe.

The Historical Society has published a small pamphlet, giving its constitution and by-laws, and list of charter members, which the secretary will soon distribute. *October?*

Among recent gifts to the Historical Society are a Firewards' staff and trumpet, presented by Mr. C. C. Crosby. A leather fire bucket and watchman's "hooker" will soon be added to the exhibit.

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 3rd., 1894.

Mr. Editor:

Some six weeks ago I said I would write a communication in the interest of the Historical Society. I fully intended to surprise myself by my punctuality, but the thousand and one happenings incident to a more than ordinarily busy life have prevented. But I have finally got to it. It is only in general terms that I know what my text is to be. I have been informed that the Historical Society has honored me by choosing me one of its vice-presidents, but I don't know how many I share the honor with, nor have I seen any articles of faith to which I am presumed to subscribe. So you see I am taking a leap somewhat in the dark. But I cordially approve of what may be fairly presumed to be the general principles of the society. Its organization calls to my mind my own experience, back, I think, in 1869—you do not remember it, but I do. I made a desperate effort to start just such an association at one of the High School reunions. I had posters printed, hired a room to meet in, and went through all the preliminaries. Officers were elected just the same as though there were a hundred present at the meeting instead of less than a dozen. But I have a vague impression that the little bantling was prematurely born. At any rate, it seemed to die of inanition through insufficient primitive vigor or defective nourishment.

The present movement seems to be started under far more favorable auspices. It ought to succeed, and it must succeed. I believe there is a vast amount of detail in Nantucket's history which can be studied with profit and with rare pleasure. I believe there is many an old attic in Nantucket which is a perfect treasure house of local information, and I assure the members of the new society that there is a fascination in the pursuit of knowledge of this kind of which the inexperienced can form no idea. I remember to have searched the archives at the State House at odd times for three or four years for a special letter bearing on Nantucket's experience in the middle period of the Revolution. I knew the letter must be there, but for months I failed to find it. When I did bring it to light I presume I felt about as the

miner does who turns up a nugget of pure gold. That's one of the phases of the disease—you'll all have the same symptoms if you catch it.

There is one direction of research which I think has never really been worked. I refer to the classification, cataloguing and properly preserving the old bills and documents which in the olden time were part and parcel of the records of the Selectmen and Town Clerk. I can best illustrate by being a little personal—perhaps seeming a little egotistic, but with no intention to appear so.

Some four or five months ago I had the pleasure of introducing into our board of Aldermen an order providing for the better preservation of just such documents in our own city safe. A committee was appointed, of which I had the honor to be chairman, to consider the subject. I made a very careful study of the documents, and at a meeting of the board presented the report which I had prepared for the committee. As that report shows what I found, and indicates a most interesting and profitable line of research, which I think can be pursued in Nantucket, I venture to reproduce it here:

The special committee to which was referred the subject of the better preservation of certain valuable papers in the vaults of the city, has attended to that duty and submits the following report:

We have examined the documents to which our attention has been called, with much care and with exceeding interest, going over them paper by paper. They contain a large amount of matter of exceeding historic interest. The documents are many of them old; some of them contemporaneous with the incorporation of the town. Some of them are in poor condition, because of frequent handling, and require careful treatment to keep them from falling to pieces. Properly filed in books prepared for the purpose, they will be easy of access, the danger of being lost or still further mutilated will be removed, and a fund of valuable information pertaining to our local history and obtainable in no other way, will be available for the coming local historian.

From them we may learn the current prices of the day for labor and materials; we may learn what it cost to build the new meeting-house; how much New England and West India rum and sugar it took to raise the building, and how much more spiritual and spirituous strength was expended when the steeple was raised; how the contractor of those days lost £2000 old tenor, in building that edifice, and incidentally that even the authentic and government stamp placed on the paper money did not prevent its depreciating soon after the French and Indian wars; we may learn that a portion of the expense incurred by the committee on rebuilding the Newton street bridge in 1771 was occasioned by 117 dinners, 102 mugs of flip, 10 quarts and 40 mugs of cider, 3 pints West India rum, and 1 bowl of toddy,

### A Valuable Gift.

The Nantucket Historical Association is the recipient of a valuable gift from the widow and heirs of the late George Howland Folger, a native of Nantucket. Mr. Folger, it will be remembered, was deeply in love with his island home, and everything pertaining to her history was of special interest to him. He gathered an immense amount of historical data, anecdotes and genealogical notes during his life, which he compiled and wrote in full for manuscript volumes. These volumes, numbering six (including a valuable index) have become the property of the Historical Association, the officers of which organization met yesterday and took appropriate action in acknowledgment of the valuable donation. The five volumes comprise a total of 1299 pages of manuscript, 262 pages being full letter size; 182 pages octavo; and the balance royal octavo. The volumes are substantially bound. The above figures are exclusive of the index, which is bound in same style as the other books. *March 2-1895*

### The Historical Association.

Since the constitution was printed the following names have been added to the membership list of the Nantucket Historical Association, which now numbers an aggregate of 204.

We would call attention to the fact that the annual due is only one dollar; and that all interested in the objects of the Association are welcome. It needs money, moral support and donations and loans of articles of historical value. Is it not doing a good work? And will not more join in that work for old—and new—Nantucket's sake?

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

Thurlof Weed Barnes,  
Ellenwood Bunker Coleman,  
William Mooers Bates.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Jessicate Starbuck-Balke,  
Winifred Swain Chase,  
Mary Cartwright Coffin,  
Tristram Coffin,  
Grace Shaw-Duff,  
Mary Eliza Folger,  
Sarah Whipple-Gardner,  
Elizabeth Howard-Gurley,  
Edwin J. Hulbert,  
Roland Bunker Hussey,  
Arrietta Cathcart-Hussey,  
Minnie Agnes Jonah-Johnson,  
Moses Joy, Jr.,  
William H. Kent,  
Sarah Ann Mount Pinkham-Kent,  
Francis P. S. Lamb,  
John Wendell Macy,  
Josiah G. Macy,  
Frances Maloy,  
Eliza Mary Ann Pinkham,  
William H. Wyer, 2d,  
Mary Whipple.

### An Historical Cane.

Mrs. T. W. Calder has presented to the Nantucket Historical Society a cane, made from Lieut. Pinkham's hammock-frame, which was constructed of timber taken from the "Constitution" while she was undergoing repairs. It will be remembered that Mrs. Calder's father, Lieut. Pinkham, died on board "Old Ironsides."

## MARCH 23, 1895.

The lecture of W. H. McElroy, upon "Famous Men at Famous Dinners," under the auspices of the Nantucket Historical Association, Wednesday evening, April 17th, is looked forward to with much interest.

### Lecture.

Mr. William H. McElroy will lecture here on Wednesday, April 17, in the interest of the Nantucket Historical Society. He will take for his subject: "Famous Men at Famous Dinners." The *Washington Post* refers to this lecture as "a semi-philosophical one, interwoven with stories of famous Americans in the feast of reason which follows the coffee, recalling dinners from the Massachusetts sages down to Chauncey M. Depew, and ending with the assertion that the reunion of college alumni is the apotheosis of the dinner."

## Wanted, Lamps.



THE Nantucket Historical Association is desirous of making a collection of old lamps. Anything from the first candle-sticks to the advent of kerosene will be acceptable. If necessary, a moderate price will be paid for old oil-lamps.

N. H. A.

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### Sends Greeting.

The historical society of old Newbury (which place is so closely identified with Nantucket's early history) has sent the following pleasant letter to the local society, through its secretary:

NEWBURYPORT, March 9, 1895.

My dear Miss Starbuck:—Your enclosure of papers relating to the Historical Society of Nantucket was duly received and examined with much interest, none the less so because, in a way, the settlement of Nantucket was the child or off-shoot of the older settlements of Newbury and Salisbury, while Tristram Coffin, whose name stands at the head of the purchasers of the island, was a man of note and position in Newbury, where his venerable, weather-worn mansion still stands, shadowed by its noble elm trees. I noted, too, in reading over the list of members, the frequent recurrence of names still common in Salisbury and Newbury—Coffin, Barnard, Hussey, Pike, Greenleaf, and others. I wish I had known of your society a little sooner, together with the Danvers Historical Society, that I might have cited it in my letter to the "Transcript" editor. However, in behalf of the historical society I represent, I extend its hearty greeting and salutation, with best wishes for your increase and prosperity.

Just at present I cannot return the compliment of sending the manual of the Newbury Historical Society. The organization was formed in 1877, but its by-laws and articles have been altered and amended several times since, so that now it is proposed to have a thorough revision of the whole and then publish for distribution.

We have quarterly meetings, at which papers on historical topics, usually connected with the history of the town, are read, and the summer meeting takes the form of a trip to some historical spot in this or one of the adjoining townships. We have a good-sized and valuable collection of portraits, both oil and crayon, prints and photographs, framed documents of various descriptions, old-time newspapers, manuscripts, historical relics of different sorts, all connected with the history of the town and its inhabitants. Our library of books and pamphlets is constantly increasing, as is our collection of antiques. The great disadvantage we labor under is the want of safe and suitable room in which to display our possessions and hold our meetings. We are at present bestowed in one of the lower rooms of the Public Library building, but the space is cramped and the light not very good, and we live in hopes of more commodious quarters some time.

I would like to enquire the full significance of the seal of your society. The harpoon and arrow I can readily see the point of, and I know what the date stands for; but what is the meaning of the thirty medals, and the two bell-crowned hats?

The treasurer of our society remarked with a smile, as he examined the escutcheon, he wondered if they were "grandfather's" hats.

With all good wishes for the well being of the Nantucket Historical Association,

Yours very truly,  
EMILY A. GETCHELL.

265 High Street.

*Mch. 16, 1895*

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After the lecture Wednesday  
evening, April 17,  
the Nantucket Historical Ass.  
will give a reception to  
Mr. Wm. H. McElroy,  
at the house of  
Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck.  
Each member has the privilege  
of inviting one guest.  
Nantucket, *Apr. 5, 1895.*  
Per order Council N.H.A.

## WILLIAM H. McELROY.

Under the auspices of the Historical Association, Mr. William H. McElroy, formerly a member of the editorial staff of the N. Y. Tribune, and of late years an author of prominence, will give at the

**Atheneum Hall,**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17,**

his widely-popular lecture

**"FAMOUS MEN**

—AT—

**FAMOUS DINNERS"**

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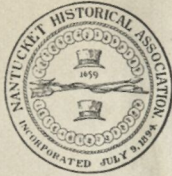
Doors Open at 7 o'clock.

Lecture at 7.30.

ALL SEATS RESERVED.

Tickets on Sale at the Pharmacy on and after Tuesday, April 9.

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Nantucket, May 15, 1895.

The annual tax of \$1.00 for membership in Nantucket Historical Association will be due June 15th, 1895.

Please remit on or before that date.

A. H. SEAVERNS, Treasurer.

Box 354.

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JUNE 15, 1895.

Nantucket Historical Society is contemplating issuing a descriptive catalogue of its loan exhibit.

NOTICE 1895 19

THE Annual Meeting of the Nantucket Historical Association will be held at the Fair Street Meeting House, Monday, June 17th, at 7.45 p. m. All interested cordially invited to attend.

MARY E. STARBUCK, Rec. Sec'y.

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# Nantucket Historical Association.

[ORGANIZED MAY 9 1894—INCORPORATED JULY 9, 1894.]

## MEMBERSHIP FEES.

<i>Life Councilor</i> .....	<i>Fifty Dollars.</i>
<i>Life Member</i> .....	<i>Fifteen Dollars.</i>
<i>Annual Member</i> .....	<i>One Dollar.</i>

The object of the Association is to collect books, manuscripts, and articles of all sorts relating in any way to the history of the Island.

Donations of this kind, of other interesting relics, or of money will be gratefully acknowledged by the Council.

Anyone interested is eligible for membership.

MARY E. STARBUCK, Recording Secretary.

SUSIE A. Starbuck, Corresponding Secretary.

JUNE 22, 1895.

### Annual Meeting.

The Nantucket Historical Association held its annual meeting at their rooms on Fair street, Monday evening.

The report of the meeting of 1894 was read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also read and accepted, an abstract of which appears below with those of the secretary and loan committee.

Rev. M. S. Dudley, presiding, suggested various lines of work which might be profitably undertaken, such as marking historic spots, collecting all data referring to whaling and other Nantucket industries, and for a special immediate work, the permanent preservation of the Benjamin Franklin spring by a granite curb.

The nominating committee reported, nominating the present board of officers for the ensuing year, with a suggestion that hereafter there be eight councilors, to be divided into 4 classes, viz: 2 to be elected for 1 year; 2 for 2 years; 2 for 3 years and 2 for 4 years; and that no councilor shall succeed himself after having served a full term of four years. The present board of officers was elected for the ensuing year.

It was voted that the society hold quarterly meetings, the first of which shall be held during centennial week. Voted that the admission fee to the Historical Rooms be 15 cents for single tickets, and 10 tickets for \$1, and that each member be given a complimentary ticket, not transferable.

Voted, that the following matters be left to the council with full power: The address-book, to be kept at the Historical Rooms (in accordance with suggestion of J. E. C. Farnham in *INQUIRER AND MIRROR*;) sign at corner of Main and Fair streets; special police patrol during three days of celebration; appliances for extinguishing fire in the building.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed, to report on the nature of the contents of Mr. George Howland Folger's manuscript volumes, and the probable cost of printing them. The committee chosen were, Miss Annie B. Folger, Miss Annie W. Bodfish, Mr. Stanley E. Johnson.

Papers upon discipline among Friends, with personal reminiscences, of being "dealt with" were read by Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck. The following poem, by H. S. Wyer, was read by the secretary. A chapter of Josiah Quincy's Reminiscences, descriptive of visit to Nantucket in 1824, was read by Miss Annie W. Bodfish. A letter from Nova Scotia ladies, written at Nantucket in 1815, and found in Waukesha Co., Michigan, in 1894, was read by the secretary.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had contributed to the evening's entertainment, and Mrs. Starbuck's papers were ordered to be placed on record.

Remarks and "recollections" by Mr. Thurston C. Swain; mention by Mr. Dudley of a valuable gift to the society of papers (records) written by Timothy White, first pastor of North Congregational Church, and donated by Rev. Mr. Quint.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This society was organized May 9th, 1894, and incorporated July 9th of the same year. The constitution and by-laws were printed in the following November, with a charter-membership of 179—18 life members and 161 annual members. Since that time, four names have been added to the list of life members, and fifty to that of annual members. During the year two names have been withdrawn, and we regret the loss of two members by death. We have now a membership of 231. There have been during the year, eight meetings of the society, chiefly for the transaction of business, but having, nevertheless, a somewhat social character. A lecture has been given by one of our members, Mr. McElroy, for the benefit of the association, and a reception was given to this gentleman by the society. The council has held seventeen meetings, strictly for business. Shortly after the incorporation of the Society, it obtained possession of the meeting-house, which we now use for our head-quarters. It is hoped that during the summer we shall not only be enabled, by voluntary and generous donations, to pay off the mortgage on this building, but to start a fund for the purchase of some old house, in which the greater part of our historical articles may be placed, thus allowing us to restore the meeting-house to its original simplicity, to be used only for the meetings of the society and council. It is most desirable to secure all possible material relating to old Nantucket, and members are earnestly requested not only to give donations of money, but to make an active search for all sorts of relics, particularly manuscripts, before it is too late and these valuable mementoes are carried away from the island as trophies, or by progressive housewives, "cast as rubbish to the void." Anyone knowing interesting facts or legends concerning old Nantucketers, is urged, in cases where it is allowable, to write them out and send them to the Corresponding Secretary of this society. Nantucket salt, truly, has not lost its savor; but the old pungency is somewhat abated by modern admixtures. Let us collect and preserve what we may of the first essentials.

M. E. STARBUCK, Secretary.

# ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts to May 31st, 1895.....\$1,417 13  
Expenses to May 31st, 1895..... 1,268 19

## RECEIPTS.

By life members..... \$300 00  
" annual members..... 302 00  
" building fund donations..... 50 00  
" other sources..... 15 13  
" Nantucket Inst. for Savings, on mortgage..... 600 00  
" H. S. Wyer, on note..... 150 00

\$1,417 13

## EXPENSES.

Paid for building.....\$1,000 00  
Other expenses..... 268 19

\$1,268 19

Receipts from May 31st to June 17th, 1895,  
By annual members.....\$51 00  
" donation..... 5 00

\$56 00

Expenses—paid sundry bills.....\$12 38  
Total receipts to June 17th, 1895.....\$1,473 13  
Total expenses to June 17th, 1895..... 1,280 57

Balance..... \$192 56

## REPORT OF LOAN COMMITTEE.

During the last few weeks the loan committee have worked with a will, and the community has responded most generously to their efforts. In the early part of May, we had about one hundred and fifty articles in our possession; now over four hundred, or to be more exact, we have received two hundred and ninety-five donations and one hundred and twenty loans, making three hundred and fifteen articles under our care. We note with gratification that a large proportion of these numbers are given to us, showing that the public are gaining confidence in the stability and permanency of our Association. Among many valuable and interesting donations we must speak particularly of the historical notes compiled by the late George Howland Folger, Esq., and presented to us by his son. These are of inestimable value historically, and contain a large fund of information for Nantucket's future historian. We have several valuable paintings, and a number of small articles made by, and intimately connected with some of Nantucket's most noted sons and daughters.

Our loan collection is not large, but perhaps as large as we can conveniently exhibit at present; and certainly contains much that is entertaining and instructive. The catalogue, which is in preparation, is rather hastily com-

pleted, and not as complete in its notes and descriptions as we could desire—but we have done all that was possible, in the time at our disposal, and hope it may, at any rate, meet this summer's demand. Our thanks are due to the many friends who have kindly and generously assisted us.

S. E. BROCK,  
Chairman of Loan Committee:

## A VISION OF THE FLEET. NANTUCKET, JANUARY, 1895.

Awake, ye winds of legendry;  
Bring hither, as ye blow,  
The ships that sailed this ambient sea  
One hundred years ago!

Go forth, and fill their time-worn sails—  
Of many a storm the sport—  
And speed them with enchanted gales  
To this, their ancient port.

Bring back the sailor-men that trod  
Their decks in days of yore,  
And let them tread their native sod  
With kith and kin once more!

E'en now may fancy's eye behold  
Their battered hulks forlorn  
Loom forth as bravely as of old  
Against the golden morn!

See where they rise, oh, wondrous sight,  
Above th' horizon's verge  
Like sea-fowl, as in homeward flight  
They boom across the surge!

Now one by one they round the buoy  
Beyond the foaming bar,—  
Blow winds, and voice the sailor's joy  
Returning from afar!

And hark! upon the inward ear  
Their ringing voices fall,  
"All hands on deck! Make cable clean  
Ready, drop anchor all!"

"Aloft there, all! Furl every sail!  
Brail up there, aft and fore!  
Make ready at the starboard rail  
To pull away for shore!"

All now is haste and rivalry  
Aboard the brave old fleet;  
The boats put out, and presently  
Long-sundered hearts will meet.

They reach the wharf; the waiting crowd  
Press forward with eager zest;  
With anxious gaze, or greeting loud  
Their varying moods attest.

Herd the proud matron greets her mate,  
His long, long voyage o'er;  
And some with wistful faces wait  
For those that come no more.

See yonder men of dusky face  
That neither speak nor smile;  
Time was when sachems of their race  
Owned all this sea-girt isle!

Negro and swarthy Portuguese  
Of every shade and hue;  
Brave, hardy sailor-men are these  
From many a whaler's crew.

As on the old familiar heath  
With rolling gait they tread,  
Enough for them dry land beneath  
And blue sky over head.

See as they pass, each motley crew  
At shop doors lag awhile,  
With sea yarns old, yet ever new,  
They landsmen's ears beguile.

How it befell when 'Zekiel Worth  
Was swallowed by a whale,  
That monster quickly cast him forth  
And turned exceeding pale.

How Alick Green his spy-glass dropped  
While looking out for land,  
But nimbly down the back-stay popped  
And caught it in his hand.

How when the Nancy overhauled  
A Chinnee pirate's crew,  
We flogged them heathen till they bawled,  
Then hung them by the queue.

As night comes on, a motley throng  
To clothing-shops repair,  
Thence coming, after haggling long,  
In land-togs rich and rare.

And some there be, poor thirsty souls,  
Will potent draughts imbibe,  
Each greeted as he homeward rolls  
With many a thread-bare jibe.

All night from yonder sail-loft steals  
A gay, unwonted strain,  
While to the fiddle's rhythmic squeals  
All dance with might and main!

Swift back and forth, and round about  
Brave lads with lasses whirl,  
Each laying out the longest route  
To pilot home his girl.

To many a wild and witching air  
The fiddler wields his bow,  
As jig and reel and hornpipe rare  
Alternate ebb and flow.

But lo! a deepening golden gleam  
Illumes the eastern sky;  
Disperse, ye creatures of a dream,  
Pale ghosts of days gone by!

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My vision fades; vanished the fleet  
With all its phantom crew.  
On lonely bay and silent street  
No sign of life I view.

H. S. WYER.

Annual Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

PRESIDENT.  
DR. J. SIDNEY MITCHELL.

1896

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

REV. M. S. DUDLEY,  
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HISTORICAL ROOMS.

THE rooms of the Nantucket Historical Association, on Fair street, will be opened to the public on Monday, July 1st, for the season, for the exhibition of articles of historic interest. Admission, 15 cents. Open daily from 10 to 12 a. m., 3 to 5 p. m.

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## Notice.

THE NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold a Meeting in the Atheneum Hall, *Monday, July 8th*, at 4 o'clock p. m. Members are urged; all others interested are cordially invited to attend.

MARY E. STARBUCK, Rec. Secretary.

NANTUCKET, July 2, 1895.

### Special Meeting.

At a special meeting of the proprietors of the Atheneum, Monday evening, it was voted to put the Nantucket Historical Association on the list of local organizations that have been granted the use of the Atheneum at reduced rates, and that no charge should be made for use of the hall for centennial purposes.

**JULY 6, 1895.**

A pleasant surprise is in store for the members of Nantucket Historical Association, which is liable to be made public at the special meeting of the society, next Monday afternoon, at which the president, Dr. J. Sidney Mitchell, will preside.

The indebtedness of the Nantucket Historical Association has been formally cancelled this week, as indicated by our article in last number, and the discharged mortgage and personal notes will go among the antiques of the society.

**JULY 20, 1895.**

Samuel Austin, of Providence, who will be in town for a week, has signified his willingness to give a talk on matters pertaining to the Indian history of the island and "the sickness" among the people in 1763, for the benefit of the Historical Association, which offer it is likely they will accept.

# Nantucket Historical Association.

A pleasant and fitting prelude to the centennial was the informal meeting of the Nantucket Historical Association, held in the Athenaeum Hall on the afternoon of July 8th. The president, Dr. Mitchell, first addressed the meeting, —and by the way, won't some ingenious Nantucketer supply the want expressed by Dr. Mitchell for a gavel made of native scrub oak?

Dr. Mitchell's remarks were characteristically delightful, and at the close, he presented to the society a fine portrait of his cousin, Rev. Arthur Mitchell, a son of Nantucket, whose early death she deplores, but whose life she remembers with honor and affection.

Rev. M. S. Dudley then divulged to those present the secret—or part of it—the knowledge of whose existence has kept some of us lately in a quiver of expectation. Some generous person, whose name is not to be known, has assumed all the legal obligations of the Historical Society, and has also wisely provided against our sinking into a morass of Neatific satisfaction by attaching as a condition to this liberal gift, the moral obligation of raising a like sum for a fund, to be applied at the proper time to the acquisition of a certain property which is most desirable for the society to hold, but which at present is not obtainable.

Rev. Walter R. Gardner then put as a motion the following resolution, drawn up by Mr. W. H. McElroy, which, it is needless to say, was unanimously adopted:

The members of the Nantucket Historical Association desire to place on record their very grateful appreciation of the generosity of an unknown friend of their organization—a friend indeed. By his timely and liberal gift, he has relieved the society from debt, and since "Out of debt is out of danger," he has done much to ensure its permanent prosperity. We earnestly assure him that it shall be our aim to express our thanks for his benefaction in the best practical way—by rendering to the society whose interests he has so substantially advanced, good and faithful service. The Nantucket Historical Society, by linking the past of our historic island to its present and its future, by preserving and cherishing the things which keep vivid the memory of our ancestors, commends itself to the sympathetic support of all Nantucketers of genuine home feeling and public spirit. This consideration attests the value of the present, which we acknowledge with so much pride and pleasure.

Tendering our unknown benefactors renewed assurances of our gratitude, we direct that this minute be spread upon the records of our society, and that a copy thereof, attested by the President and Secretary, shall be transmitted to him as soon as he chooses to reveal himself.

After this came a well arranged and most interesting sketch, written and read by Miss Helen B. W. Worth, of the life and labors of Timothy White, the first pastor of the North Congregational Church, some of whose records and correspondence have just come into the hands of the Nantucket Historical Association through the efforts of Mr. Dudley.

Dr. Mitchell then called upon Dr. West, of Dorchester, formerly of Nantucket, who responded with a stirring tribute to the men and women of old Nantucket, calling them a race of heroes, as indeed they were, and assuring his hearers that their valor still exists in their children when the emergency demands it.

Rev. Walter R. Gardner, of Nashota, Wis., followed Dr. West with a charmingly reminiscent talk, which he begun by saying that as he looked about he felt a bit timid lest from some one of his old teachers present he should hear the discouraging "Wrong!—next—!" "Why, Walter!" was whispered affectionately and deprecatingly, as if she had never used that appalling phrase. Dr. Gardner described graphically and touchingly the scenes of his boyhood, the home-coming and the outgoing of the ships, with all the attendant incidents so dear now to the memories of the Nantucketers, until all the air was redolent of tarred ropes and lacquered work and pickled limes, and the eyes and ears were busy with sights and sounds not on the official centennial programme.

Some silver spoons marked "R. G. & C. G." were shown by Mr. Dudley, which had been dug up on land belonging to Eben W. Francis, and were supposed to have belonged to Richard Gardner's family.

Mr. Henry B. Worth, of New Bedford, with a ready familiarity with the subject, rapidly outlined the history of the Gardner family, naming the habitation of the elders of each generation, and from the locality and the circumstances attending the finding of these spoons, pronounced them to have been undoubtedly the property of Richard Gardner.

Mr. Moses Joy described a spoon found at Great Point, an apparent duplicate of which he saw and bought in the Norwegian department of the Paris Exposition. It seemed plausible

to some imaginations that this Great Point spoon might once have reflected the light of the midnight sun, and might even have touched the lips of Leif Ericsson himself. Who knows? And who knows that it did not?

After the meeting had adjourned, many took the opportunity to greet friends of long ago. One gentleman spoke of seeing a school-mate for the first time for thirty years, and of his pleasure in talking with him once more. So the paths diverge and meet again, and what is true waits for that meeting.

The Centennial is over, and as we gather up the fragments which shall not be lost, let us speak of the suggestion made by Mr. McElroy in his most enjoyable speech at the centennial supper, that all this concentration of reminiscence, of pride, of tenderness and good will ought to bear fruit, "concrete fruit of lasting qualities" as he happily put it. There have been several suggestions as to the proper variety of this fruit. We want one that shall be sound and of good flavor at the tri-centenary in 1959, 64 years hence, when the deft and graceful maidens who ministered to our wants at the tea-party last Tuesday shall sit in our places at the banquet, in the vigorous (Nantucket) prime of life, and shall speak of us with that appreciation which shall be our due. Now what shall be done, friends, relatives and other guests? Think it over and tell us the results of your cogitations. Shall it be an observatory, first, to perpetuate the memory of Maria Mitchell, and secondly to aid and inspire those who choose to follow her pursuits; this observatory to include also an efficient means of protection for the town against fire. Shall we have a public library, or a town hall with a floor that echoes rather than quivers to her tread, and a stairway where two voters of different opinions may securely walk abreast? Or shall these two latter be combined under one imposing plan? Or will someone, knowing the needs and ambitions of the town, suggest something else which shall appeal to the taste and sympathy of everybody. Let us have all possible ideas.

It may be well to state that already a fund is started for a public library, so that those who want to mark this centennial year by a gift to this town, and who have no special interest in any existing organization, might do well to increase this fund for a library. As to the Historical Society, it is to be always with us, and we believe it is one of the merits of a historical society to be continually in need. May there be ever "those who love us."

## The Nantucket Historical Association

Will hold an informal meeting in Athenaeum Hall Tuesday, July 23d, at 4 o'clock P. M.

MR. SAMUEL AUSTIN,

of Providence, R. I., will speak on "Native Indian History."

You are cordially invited to be present.

MARY E. STARBUCK,

Recording Secretary.

NANTUCKET, July 21st, 1895.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1895.

Mr. C. C. Crosby has consented to accept the office of treasurer pro. tem. of the Nantucket Historical Association, in the place of A. H. Seaverns, resigned.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

### N. H. A. Quarterly Meeting.

There was a fair attendance last Monday evening at the meeting of the Historical Association, and various matters of business were considered. Mr. Charles C. Crosby, who has for some time past served so acceptably as treasurer pro tem, was at this meeting formally and unanimously elected to that office.

It was voted that changes should be made in two articles of the Constitution, one referring to the time of annual meeting. So many non-resident members last year expressed regret at not being able to attend, that it was voted to hold it in July, instead of June as the Constitution prescribes. It was also voted that Article 2 of the Constitution be so amended that the clause "with seven others to be elected" shall read "with eight others to be elected," and the clause "shall constitute a council of seventeen" shall read "shall constitute a council of eighteen;" also that this article be further amended so as to provide for the election of the eight additional councilors in the following manner, namely: At the first election after the adoption of this amendment, two councilors shall be elected for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years; and annually thereafter two councilors shall be elected for four years. No person after having served a full term of four years shall be eligible to succeed himself. It was voted that members joining the society after Jan. 1st, 1896, should have the annual dues remitted for the remainder of the year, that is, until June, 1896.

The report of the committee appointed by the Improvement Association to consider the question of that society's joining forces with the Historical Association, was read, and was favorably received by the meeting.

Miss Ellen O. Swain, being called upon by the President, offered the resolutions (given below,) which were adopted by the meeting, and the secretary was requested to forward a copy to the family of the deceased.

#### Resolutions Offered by Miss Ellen O. Swain.

One day last summer, in conversation with a member of this society, allusion having been made to its labors, I examined a few newspaper slips, worn and yellow with age, having reference to the early emigration of our people to California, which she showed me with the half-tentative suggestion that they might be worth preservation by this association. Possibly my manner expressed the lurking thought in my mind of their doubtful or trifling value, but her evidently eager interest was a rebuke to lukewarmness, and an inspiring lesson in loyalty to the aims of those who are striving to save from oblivion whatever concerns Nantucket's past. With this experience fresh in mind, I would respectfully offer the following memorial resolutions:

*Resolved*, That by the recent sudden death of Miss Mary Frances Swain, one of its charter members, which occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 3d, 1895, this association has sustained a real and much lamented loss; that her hearty and sincere interest in its aims and purposes and in the history and traditions of this island, made her a source of inspiration and encouragement to her associates of this society, and will cause her to be gratefully and tenderly remembered by those who have its interests at heart.

*Resolved*, That its members hereby offer to her immediate relatives and friends their respectful sympathy in this bereavement.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the records of the society, and that the secretary be requested to forward a copy to the family of our deceased friend.

Mrs. H. U. Bennett read most enjoyably, a poem written by the late William Hussey Macy, entitled "Among My Books."

After the meeting adjourned, some time was spent in informal chat and reminiscence, in part suggested by the examination of some recent gifts to the society, one of which was a small China pitcher with one side encrusted with melted glass, a relic of the fire of 1846. And that reminds me that I forgot to mention that a committee was appointed at this meeting to collect mementoes of the Great Fire. The Curator, Miss Brock, or the secretary, will be glad to call on anyone who has items relating to the fire, or articles rescued from it, which they are willing to give to the society. We should like very much to have in time, a volume of personal reminiscence, and a case devoted exclusively to memorials of the Great Fire of 1846.

M. E. S.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

Mr. Editor.

Will you kindly give space in your columns to correct a misapprehension? Complaint has been made that the Nantucket Historical Association does not return its loans. The facts are as follows: In most cases no specification was made as to the time for which articles were loaned (and the association is glad to take the best of care of articles left with it indefinitely) but every loan will be returned upon call; and if persons who are unable to call for them will notify me, the articles desired will be immediately sent to them as directed.

S. E. BROCK.

Dec. 6th, 1895.

INQUIRER AND MIRROR, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1895.

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A special meeting of the Nantucket Improvement Association, to consider the propriety of transferring all its property, real and personal, to the Historical Association, is called for Wednesday evening, March 25, at the Unitarian vestry.

H. C. Chadwell agent for Thompson

Nantucket, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

*If you wish to continue your annual membership in the Nantucket Historical Association, please remit dues for year ending May 31st, 189*

*Treasurer.*

**Nantucket Improvement Ass'n.**  
A SPECIAL Meeting to consider the transfer of all the property, real estate and personal, of said Association, to the Nantucket Historical Association, will be held in the Unitarian vestry, Wednesday evening, March 25, 1896, at 7.30 o'clock.  
HELEN B. W. WORTH, Sec'y.

FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

It is the desire of the Nantucket Historical Association to make a collection of models of old whaleships. If there are any who have such, and are willing to contribute them to the society, they are requested to communicate with Mr. C. C. Crosby.

The supper given Tuesday evening in aid of the Historical Association, at their rooms on Fair street, cost \$35. The institution has received general public approval, and are generally disposed to accept of special assistance when called for.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

NANTUCKET, Feb. 26th, 1896.

Mr. Editor:

Among the war relics now on exhibition at the rooms of the Nantucket Historical Association, is one which seems pathetically out of place in such a collection, since its personal suggestiveness so far outweighs any mere historic significance; and moreover, save in the fact that it was brought home by one of them, it has no special interest for Nantucketers. The article referred to is a small copy of the prayer-book and hymnal used by the Anglican Communion, bound in one volume in black morocco, with a metal clasp, and printed in 1853, in New York, by Stanford & Swords. The little book was found by Benjamin Whitford on the field after the battle of Fredericksburg. On the first fly-leaf, written in ink, is the following: "Serg't. S. F. Fish, K. Co., 4th Regiment, R. I. Infantry." On the second blank leaf is penciled the name "Sarah Ann Duncan;" and on a fly-leaf at the back of the book, again in ink: "To Serg't S. F. Fish, K. Co., 4th Reg., R. I. V. Please accept from S. A. D., Beaufort, N. C., June 10, 1862;" in faint penciling at the foot of this page is "Miss Sallie A. Ramsey." It is just possible—but no more, remembering Fredericksburg—that the owner of this carefully marked book is still living; it is, however, more nearly probable that only those remain who knew him, but to some one among them this memento, for many reasons, might be a thing of value. Therefore, Mr. Editor, in spite of the fact that in our exhibition the little prayer-book has a place of honor from which we are not anxious to remove it, yet we have decided to speak of it thus publicly, thinking that perhaps your widely circulating paper may be the means of placing a treasure where, perchance, it more rightly belongs.

Respectfully,

MARY E. STARBUCK.

Rec. Sec. N. H. A.

# A Back Number.

Capt. James Wyer has presented to the Historical Association a copy of the *New England Courant* of date of February 11, 1723. It is a small sheet about a foot square, two columns to the page, and the imprint reads, and fold by Benjamin in Queen street, where advertisements are taken in. It is a in these days of hustling n.

A Kaffe Klatsch

WILL be given by the Nantucket Historical Association, at their rooms on Fair St., TUESDAY, February 11th. Supper, including ice-cream, 35 cents. Served from 5 to 8 o'clock. Home-made Candy, Ice Cream and Cake on sale during the evening. Admission free.

In case the Cataract fire engine No. 6 is put out of commission, an earnest effort will be made to have the historical old tub secured by the Nantucket Historical Society, and we trust the town will see fit to donate it to that organization.

## Relic From Fredericksburg Battle Field.

If Sergeant Fish Lives He Can  
Find a Personal Memento.

How the Letter Carrier Keeps Warm  
Without an Overcoat.

Relics of the Rebellion have a two-fold interest—historical and personal. Sometimes the personal element predominates as in the case of a prayer book picked up on the field after the battle of Fredericksburg, which is now in the possession of the Nantucket Historical Association. About this souvenir of that savage fight Miss Mary E. Starbuck, the recording secretary of the Historical Association, writes to the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror as follows:

"Among the war relics now on exhibition at the rooms of the Nantucket Historical Association is one which seems pathetically out of place in such a collection, since its personal suggestiveness so far outweighs any mere historic significance; and moreover, save in the fact that it was brought home by one of them, it has no special interest for Nantucketers. The article referred to is a small copy of the prayer book and hymnal used by the Anglican Communion, bound in one volume in black morocco, with a metal clasp, and printed in 1853, in New York, by Stanford & Swords. The little book was found by Benjamin Whitford on the field after the battle of Fredericksburg. On the first fly-leaf, written in it, is the following: 'Serg't. S. F. Fish, K Co., 4th Regiment, R. I. Infantry.'

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As Miss Starbuck suggests, Sergeant Fish, to whom the prayer book belonged, may still survive, and if so, no doubt would be happy to regain what, to him, must be a cherished memento. The revised report of the adjutant general shows that he was enlisted at Bristol, September, 5, 1895, and mustered into service Oct. 30 of the same year. He was mustered out Dec. 6, 1862, at Fredericksburg.

[For The Inquirer and Mirror.]

Mr. Editor:

By means of THE INQUIRER AND MIRROR, the prayer book, for the description of which you so kindly allowed space in your columns a short time ago, has found its way to the family of the original owner—the late Sergeant Fish, who was wounded at Fredericksburg. Pray accept from them and from us most grateful acknowledgments of your courtesy.

Respectfully,

MARY E. STARBUCK,

Rec. Sec. N. H. A.

NANTUCKET, April 4, 1896.

## N. H. A.

Donations to Nantucket Historical Association during May, were as follows: Daguerreotype of "Hutchinson family" and painted wooden doll, Mrs. Joseph S. Barney; measuring-stick used in civil war, Wendell Macy; Ulster County *Gazette*, date of 1800, and bill of Nantucket *Inquirer* for 1828, R. B. Hussey; old bible, Obed Swain; Mother Hubbard for Old Folks, Memoir of Ellen Mitchell, Confession of Faith of First Congregational Church, Clergyman's Almanac for 1822, account of Eleazer Folger, account of Swain family, list of names of visiting Friends from 1698 to 1800, copy of letter of Peter Folger to his son-in-law, extract from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting, memoranda of Swain family, deed of 1722, anti-slavery address to Friends, sermon preached at ordination of Rev. Mr. Worth.

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Nantucket, July 9th, 1896.

## Coming Events.

Dr. Benjamin Sharp will deliver a lecture in Atheneum Hall on the evening of the 24th inst., for the benefit of Unity Hall fund. He will take for his subject: "A Summer in Alaska and Siberia."

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NANTUCKET, ss. PROBATE COURT.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Abner Turner, late of Nantucket, in said county, deceased, intestate.

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to Susie K. Turner, of said Nantucket, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Nantucket, in said County of Nantucket, on the thirteenth day of August, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for the purpose of giving notice to all persons interested in the estate of said deceased.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Nantucket, this 11th day of July, 1896.

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HENRY RIDDELL, Register  
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NANTUCKET, SS.

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MARY S. LAMSON,

GARDNER S. LAMSON.

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The second year of the Nantucket Historical Association's existence has been in the main, satisfactory. We have a membership-list of 289: 27 life-members and 262 annual members, and we should like to increase both lists indefinitely. Since the organization of the society in 1894 four members have withdrawn; and we have to regret the loss by death of the following ten persons, most of whom were charter-members:—Mr. Harry Platt, Miss Mary E. Folger, Mr. W. S. Kimball, Mr. Thomas E. Bowman, Miss Mary F. Swain, Mr. Clarissa Allen, Mr. Josiah G. Macy, Mr. James Mitchell, Mrs. Eliza Mitchell.

Since June 17, 1895, there have been but two general meetings. The first was held July 8, the day before the Centennial Celebration formally opened. As might have been expected, this meeting was well attended and was a very enjoyable occasion. The second quarterly meeting was held December 16, when the suggestion of the Nominating Committee at the first Annual Meeting, in reference to increasing the number of councilors was unanimously adopted; also it was voted that in order to meet the wishes of many non-resident members the Annual meeting should be held in July, instead of June. A committee was appointed at this meeting to collect relics of the fire of 1846, and a part of the evening was devoted to the reading of various papers and poems of historical interest.

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The Council has held ten meetings during the year, all but one of them being well attended.

Much necessary business has been transacted and many plans considered for the Association's future acquisitions and usefulness, whenever the wherewithal can be obtained. It will be remembered by those who were here last year at the meeting of July 8, that

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The fund is not nearly completed, and I call your attention to the fact that there is neither law nor sentiment against increasing it from other sources.

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We have made extensive repairs on the building, have purchased many small articles and one large one, or at least it is a heavy one, the famous Cataract, No. 6, and for a work of some public importance, we have had the two Meridian stones on Main and Fair streets, scraped and re-lettered.

There are as you all know, many little works of that sort which would willingly and fittingly be undertaken by the Association if it had the means.

One of our members has written for the society a sketch of the Nantucket Fire Department during its whole existence, and also an account of the numerous steamboats running at different times between Nantucket and the mainland.

Just now we are collecting especially, bits of information and relics of the Great Fire, as well as generally all other items concerning everything that was ever known to happen or exist on the island.

Pray believe that we are making the most of our limited resources and help us as much as you can.

MARY E. STARBUCK, Rec. Sec.

### Curator's Report.

The close of our first year's experiment with our exhibit of Historical relics and curiosities, shows a result most gratifying, and seems to assure a successful future. Perhaps the growth of our collection can be most forcibly presented by a plain statement of facts and figures.

We first opened our Association room to the public on July 1, 1895, with an exhibit containing about 400 articles.

During the summer, one thousand and seventy-nine names were written in our visitors' register and our receipts were something over two hundred dollars. After deducting our small running expenses, we were able at the end of thirteen weeks to add upwards of one hundred and eighty dollars to the general treasury.

Since the room was closed on Sept. 28, 1895, donations have been constantly coming in, and when we were again ready for the public on July 1, 1896, we found in our possession twice as many articles as we had the year before. We have now six hundred and twenty donations and one hundred and eighty loans—making eight hundred articles on our books.

We have increased our facilities for exhibiting these by the addition of two large cases, one for pictures and manuscripts and one for books, etc.

Our visiting friends are most encouraging in their appreciation of our work and we have received many expressions of pleasure and interest, as well as some more substantial tokens. The new season has opened well and we hope as soon as we become better known and trusted, to make our Historical Rooms a central point of attraction in the community.

SUSAN E. BROCK, Curator.

#### Treasurer's Report. GENERAL FUND.

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#### SINKING FUND.

By amount received from life members.....	\$105 00
" gift of Edwin J. Hulbert.....	1 00
" gate money from August 10th.....	150 00
March 27, 1896, by interest on deposits from Oct. 5th, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896.....	2 56
By Nantucket Improvement Society (mill fund).....	175 01
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Deposited in Nantucket Institution for Savings.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP THIS DATE.

General fund.....	\$26 53
Contingent fund.....	443 15
Unpaid dues for 1896 ending May 31st	8 00
Unpaid dues for 1897 ending May 31st	82 00
Amount paid for building and land....	750 00
Collections insured for three years....	1,000 00
	\$2,309 68

Annual membership.....	262
Life membership.....	27
	289

Outstanding bills about \$10.

CHARLES C. CROSBY, Treasurer.  
NANTUCKET, June 1st, 1896.

## AUGUST 1, 1896

#### Lecture.

The lecture on Alaska and Siberia, given by Dr. Benjamin Sharp, on Friday evening of last week, in the Athenaeum, was largely attended. It was a most entertaining account of Dr. Sharp's summer trip in those sections, illustrated with charming views, and the hearers were delighted. It is probable the Unity Hall fund will be increased about thirty dollars by Dr. Sharp's generous interest in its behalf.

#### Poster Show.

The Poster Show, to be held in Wendell's Hall for the benefit of the Historical Association, promises to be one of rare merit. German, French, Italian and American posters will be exhibited, some of which are said to be of rare excellence. About eighty square yards of posters have already been secured, and Dr. Benjamin Sharp, who is in charge, would esteem any contributions a great favor. The hall will be open during the entire week, between the hours of 10 and 12 a. m., and 2 and 4 p. m. Admission 15 cents.

AUGUST 8, 1896.

### The Marriage Drama.

Mr. C. E. Macomber, of "Priscilla" fame, has been here the past week with a view to arranging for the production of the "Marriage Drama," which has been presented with such immense success at Madison Square Garden, New York, at Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities. It is a description in a series of pantomimes, dramas, musical numbers and tableaux, elaborately costumed and staged, of the different forms of marriage ceremony from the earliest ages down. The scenery and co-tumes are the same as those used at New York and Boston by Miss Allen, and are said to be magnificent. It is expected that the Historical Society will arrange to have it presented for their benefit, in event of which the co-operation and patronage of everybody is assured. There will be over one hundred of Nantucket's residents and visiting population participating in the performance, if given, and the affair will be the most gigantic ever witnessed here. It will be under the management and direction of Miss Allen, of Boston, Mr. Macomber, of Boston, and Mr. Seager, of New York.

### The Marriage Dramas.

The presentation of the "Marriage Dramas" at the Rink, next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, under the auspices of the Historical Society, will be an event of unusual social prominence, to say nothing of its value as a contribution to art in the spectacular drama. No enterprise of such magnificent proportions, it is claimed, has ever before been undertaken here in the field of entertainment, and it is a credit to its worthy proprietors to have been the means of bringing it here. There are to be over one hundred and fifty people in the cast. The performance is to be elaborately mounted, with special scenery and elegant costumes—the same as used in the great production at Madison Square Garden. Calcium lights are to be used, with all the exquisite effects known to spectacular art. The music is to be characteristic, and with orchestral accompaniment. It will be under the skilled direction of Miss C. H. Allen of Boston, who has achieved almost national fame in its former productions; Mr. C. E. Macomber of Boston, well-known here in connection with the production of "Priscilla;" and Mr. F. W. Seager of New York, his associate.

As a matter of fact, very few American people have any definite idea of the wedding ceremonies of other countries, much less of the usages peculiar to earlier periods. The subject possesses many attractions for the student of social history, although at best only a superficial knowledge of it is to be obtained by "reading up."

The historical character of the entertainment will be in keeping with the mission of the Historical Society, and their efforts in its behalf give promise that it will be fully up to the standard of their high ideal. A large stage is being erected in the Rink, ample seating room provided, and no pains spared to insure the comfort of the audience and the excellence of the performance. Leading papers of many large cities are enthusiastic in their praises of it. In addition to the members of the Historical Society, the connection of a number of prominent Nantucket residents and visitors with the enterprise, lends it increased interest, and it is safe to say that the attendance will be very large. Sale of seats opens Monday, August 17th, at 9 a. m., at Congdon's Pharmacy.

CHAPERONES.—For marriage by capture—Mrs. Sidney Chase; for Babylonian marriage—Mrs. G. H. Mackay; for Indian marriage—Miss Elma Folger, Mrs. W. B. Gurley; for Dutch marriage—Mrs. Benjamin Sharp; for Roman marriage—Mrs. J. M. Bovey; for Japanese marriage—Mrs. R. P. White; for Jewish marriage, Miss Eloise McElroy; Gretna Green—Mrs. Fannie Gray.

Prices for reserved seats are 50 and 75 cents.

AUGUST 15, 1896.

AUGUST 22, 1896.

### Marriage Dramas.

To present a succession of artistic scenes for a period of more than two hours before such immense audiences as were gathered in the Rink, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and not to allow the interest to flag, is an achievement more than ordinary. But it was accomplished by Miss C. H. Allen, Mr. C. E. Macomber and Mr. F. W. Seager in the presentation of "Marriage Dramas," which is made up of a series of tableaux and pantomimes of grand magnificence, eclipsing anything of the kind ever before attempted in Nantucket. The Rink had been transformed into a theatre for the occasion, and furnished ample accommodation for the large audiences. The dramas presented numbered eight, and the casts were made up from among our prominent young people and summer guests. The stage properties—a large number—were well and promptly handled, and frequent bursts of applause attested the appreciation of the onlookers of some particularly clever bit of acting or artistic effect. The dramas were: "Marriage by Capture;" "Babylonian;" "Jewish Ceremony;" "Roman Wedding;" "Japanese Wedding;" "Indian Ceremony;" "Dutch Wedding;" "Gretna Green;" or, the "Elopement." Here were offered a variety of effects that it is difficult to draw comparison from, as each presented features peculiarly its own. In "Marriage by Capture," the forcible capture of women for wives was depicted; the "Babylonian" was a tableau full of artistic costumes and pose; the "Jewish Ceremony," was impressive. Mr. Freeland as the Rabbi, carried dignity and solemnity in his mien. In this scene the dancing of the Misses Walker was very enjoyable. The "Roman Wedding" was to many minds the most luxurious from an artistic standpoint, presenting classic grace in costume and pose, and the peculiar charm of white in this kind of composition was very marked. The scarf dance won liberal applause. The Japanese wedding, with its butterfly dance, was pleasing, the weird music lending additional charm. The "Indian Wedding" developed much of the story of the marriage of

John Rolfe to Pocahontas. Mr. Dodd, as "Big Injun," and Mr. W. B. Gurley, as the colonial governor, were excellent and the little Puritan dancer was very clever. A most amusing scene was the "Dutch Wedding," with the old Holland costumes, the wooden shoes and the bag-piper. The characteristic dancing captivated the audience, and the drama received several encores. Miss Chase and Mr. Echeverria, as the bride and groom, acted the parts superbly, and Mrs. Sharp's dancing, and Mr. Gardner as the piper, could not have been better. "Gretna Green," the paradise of runaway lovers, was a lively bit of pantomime. Miss Drakesley and Mr. West, as the runaway lovers, were realistic in their roles, and evinced careful practice and study, and Miss Gray's "faint" and Mr. Rogers' blacksmith-parson act were full of merit.

We give the casts in full:

*Marriage by Capture.*—Chaperone, Mrs. Sidney Chase, of Rochester. Brides—Miss Alice Chase, Miss Helen Walker. Maidens—Miss Katharine Walker, Miss Eloise McElroy, Miss Alice Orr, Miss Fannie Dauchy. Barbarians—Mr. Gordon Noyes, Mr. Morgan Cowperthwaite.

*Babylonian Wedding.*—Chaperone, Mrs. George H. Mackay, of Boston. Girl on the Block—Miss Pauline Mackay. Auctioneer—Dr. Benjamin Sharp. Assayer—Mr. Joseph Frankel. Clerk—Mr. Morgan Cowperthwaite. Purchaser—Mr. Gordon Noyes. Girls to be Sold—Miss Bertha Bovey, Miss Eva Dahlgren, Miss Josephine Drakeley, Miss Harriet Drakeley, Miss Edith Gray, Miss Elizabeth Peet, Miss Clara Starbuck, Miss Sara Turner, Miss Nellie Walker, Miss Katharine Walker, Miss Alice Corse, Miss Florence Corse. Citizens, Nobles, etc.—Messrs. Jack Cabot, Lester Carlisle, Vernon Dahlgren, Sidney Fay, Marshall West, Roland West, Farnham Dorcee, Arthur Dorcee, John Howard, Herbert Cowperthwaite, Walter Hosley, James W. Carret.

*Jewish Ceremony.*—Chaperones, Miss McElroy, of Rochester, and Mrs. Judson. Groom, Vernon Dahlgren. Rabbi, Mr. Freeland. Canopy Bearers, Messrs. Frankel, Dorcee, Dorcee, Green. Men in Procession, Messrs. West, Butler, Noyes, Carret, McElroy, Cowperthwaite, Hosmer. Bride, Miss Sarah Turner. Attendant, Miss Bovey. Dancers, Miss Nellie Walker, Miss Katharine Walker. Cymbals, Miss Dahlgren, Miss Drakeley, Miss Mackay, Miss Walker. Women in Procession, Miss Perry, Miss Doe, Miss Sizor, Miss Butler, Miss McLane, Miss Corse, Miss Dodd. Torch Bearers, Karl Sharp, Harold Sharp, Emerson Gurley, Margaret McElroy.

*Roman Wedding.*—Chaperone, Mrs. John M. Bovey. Bride, Miss Flagg. Bridegroom, Mr. Sidney Fay. Dancers, Miss Dauchy, Miss Walker, Miss Peet, Miss Mackay, Miss Buchanan, Miss Bovey, Miss Brayton, Miss Rhoda Walker, Miss Nellie Walker. Attendants, Miss Tompson, Miss Tobey, Miss Edith Tobey, Miss Elkins. Torch Bearers, Wakeman Bovey, John M. Bovey, jr.

*Japanese Wedding.*—Chaperone, Mrs. R. P. White. Bride—Miss Elizabeth McKnight. Bridegroom—Mr. M. N. Echeverria. Butterflies—Miss Lelia Macy, Miss Myra Davis. Guests—Misses Ethel Davis, Rhoda Freeborn, Mary Pusey, Mary Farnham, Grace Marsh, Josephine Wittichen, Lydia Freeborn, M. H. Mitchell, Iva Jernegan, L. C. Williams.

*Indian Ceremony.*—Chaperones, Mrs. W. B. Gurley, Miss Elma Folger. Colonial Governor, Mr. W. B. Gurley. Indian Chief, Mr. Walter Dodd. John Rolfe, Mr. Jack Dodd. Pocahontas, Miss Polly Mitchell. Indian Dancers, Miss Fanny Dauchy, Miss Eva Waller, Squaws, Miss Haywood, Miss Dorothy Sharp, Miss Ruth Burgess, Miss Marion Browning, Miss Rebecca Dodd. Papposes, Elizabeth and Alvin Gurley. Saxon Boy, Master Alpheus Folger. Saxon Maidens, Miss Gibbs, Miss Orr, Mrs. Lippincott, Miss Collin, Miss Edwards. Braves, Mr. Paul

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Mr. Lester Carlisle, Mr. James Carret, Mr.  
George Dana.

*Dutch Wedding*—Chaperone, Mrs. Benjamin  
Sharp. Bride—Miss Alice Chase. Bridegroom  
—Mr. M. N. Echeverria. Piper—Mr. E. P. F.  
Gardner. Solo Dance—Mrs. Benjamin Sharp.  
Peasantry—Misses Dodd, Drakeley, Kidder,  
R. Dodd, Sloane, Clark, Tompson, Messrs.  
Dodd, Cowperthwaite, Noyes, Carret, Howard,  
Hosley, Robinson.

*Green*—Chaperone, Mrs. Frances  
Gray. Bride—Miss Josephine Drakeley.  
Bridegroom—Mr. Roland West. Mother—Miss  
Edith Gray. Father—Mr. Sidney Fay. Milk-  
maid—Miss Harriette Drakeley. Blacksmith  
—Mr. Perry Rogers. Post Boy—Mr. Karl  
Webb.

Five gentlemen were sitting in the  
Pacific Club Room the other day whose  
united ages amounted to 422 years, 6  
months. Three of them met in Cali-  
fornia in 1829, being members of crews  
of different whaleships from Nan-  
tucket. *Aug. 22*

### A Relic of the Whaleship Essex.

In the annals of famous shipwrecks,  
familiar to Nantucketers, there are  
none more terrible and thrilling in de-  
tails than the loss of the Nantucket  
whaler Essex, commanded by Capt.  
George Pollard, in 1820. A whale had  
been sighted, and two boats put out in  
pursuit. After being struck with an  
iron, the monster became infuriated  
and made a savage attack on the ship,  
striking her in the bow, and repeating  
the blow. As it soon became evident  
that the ship was sinking, the crew  
hurriedly collected a limited quantity  
of provisions, and returned to the  
boats. Of their long and terrible ex-  
periences, and of the final rescue of  
Capt. Pollard and the remnant of his  
crew, an account is given in Macy's  
history. By a remarkable chance, the  
Nantucket Historical Association has  
become the possessor of a relic of this  
awful disaster. It is one of the leather-  
covered trunks that were then in com-  
mon use, and was found floating in the  
immediate vicinity of the wreck by  
one of the crew of a passing ship. The  
finder sold it to John Taber, of Provi-  
dence, R. I., who was then returning  
home from a voyage in this ship. This  
interesting bit of flotsam was handed  
down by Mr. Taber to his daughter,  
Mrs. James Norton, of Garrettsville,  
Ohio, and has been highly treasured  
for over seventy years. It is most  
creditable to Mr. and Mrs. Norton,  
that, after due consideration, they have  
presented the relic to the Historical  
Association, without price, considering  
that body its proper custodian. It is  
now on exhibition at the rooms in Fair  
street. Accompanying the trunk is a  
sketch of the life of James Edgar Nor-  
ton (a grandson of John Taber) who  
died in 1887 while a student at Hiram  
College. In accordance with the wish  
of Mr. and Mrs. Norton, and with the  
grateful appreciation of the Nantucket  
Historical Association, this memorial  
volume will be kept in the Essex trunk,  
for which the society is so indebted to  
the descendants of John Taber.

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# Marriage Dramas.

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FIRST SCENE.

#### MARRIAGE BY CAPTURE.

IN the earliest days of the world, so severe was the struggle for existence that it was considered a necessity to slaughter nearly all the female children. This disturbed the balance of the sexes and the men were so much more numerous than the women that the only form of marriage possible was by capture.

Legends of the forcible carrying away of women for wives exist in the literature of the Greeks, Hindoos, Romans, Chinese, Scandinavians, Gauls and Celts.

SCENE THE FIRST.—Primitive maidens gather around their forest fire. Primeval and savage custom of marriage by force. The tracking. The surprise. The Barbarians forcibly carry off the resisting maidens.



SECOND SCENE.

SCENE THE SECOND.—A wild and rocky pass. The barbarians with their prizes, are mounted on their horses. The journey. Imposing and picturesque scenes.

"To present for over two hours a succession of scenes, each of them a work of art and thing of beauty, is a genuine success."—*Boston Daily Herald*.

#### MARRIAGE BY PURCHASE.

The first step of progress, from the marriage by capture, was the purchase of wives. In various ways this custom held sway in all parts of the world. The Anglo Saxon groom bought his wife from a trustee, who was appointed to prevent the father from cheating his prospective son-in-law. Boaz bought his wife of Naomi and cast off a shoe as a sign.

Herodotus tells us that the Babylonians once a year held a wife auction where all their marriageable girls were disposed of to the highest bidder.

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THE MARRIAGE MARKET OF BABYLON.

picture, "The Babylonian Marriage Market." He has introduced all types of beauty, from the Greek to the Moor. The barbaric splendor of the age is shown by the magnificent specimens of oriental races who stand waiting to purchase; Babylonian nobles, citizens, Bedouins, Arabs and Moors. The silent tragedy is only interrupted by the auctioneer who calls the maidens one after another to the block.

"Without waits one scene after another followed in rapid succession to the delight of the audience."—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

#### MARRIAGE AMONG THE ROMANS.

WE are indebted to the Greeks for the beauty, grace and literature which they gave to the world, and to the Romans for the laws of which to-day we are reaping the benefit.

The marriage rite was introduced into Greece by the Egyptians, who first used the wedding ring. Among the Anglo Saxons the ring was placed by the bridegroom on the end of the bride's thumb, then on her first finger, then on the second, denoting the Trinity, lastly on the fourth or marriage finger, showing that next to God her duty was to her husband.

In Rome there were different forms of marriage; the most simple was the oath by fire and water. The bride in veil and robe goes to the home of the bridegroom, carrying a distaff in her hand, and led by youths bearing torches. The bridegroom meets her on the threshold and gives her the key of the house. Then follows the oath by fire and water, and the rejoicings begin with the stately and statuesque scarf dance.

"In the Roman wedding occurred a scarf dance that won round after round of applause."—*Philadelphia North American*.

"The Roman marriage was something more than luxurious, it was an epitome of classic grace in costume and pose, and an unusual illustration of the value of white in an artistic composition."—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

"The dance, that picturesque embodiment of statues, wins great applause."—*N. Y. World*.

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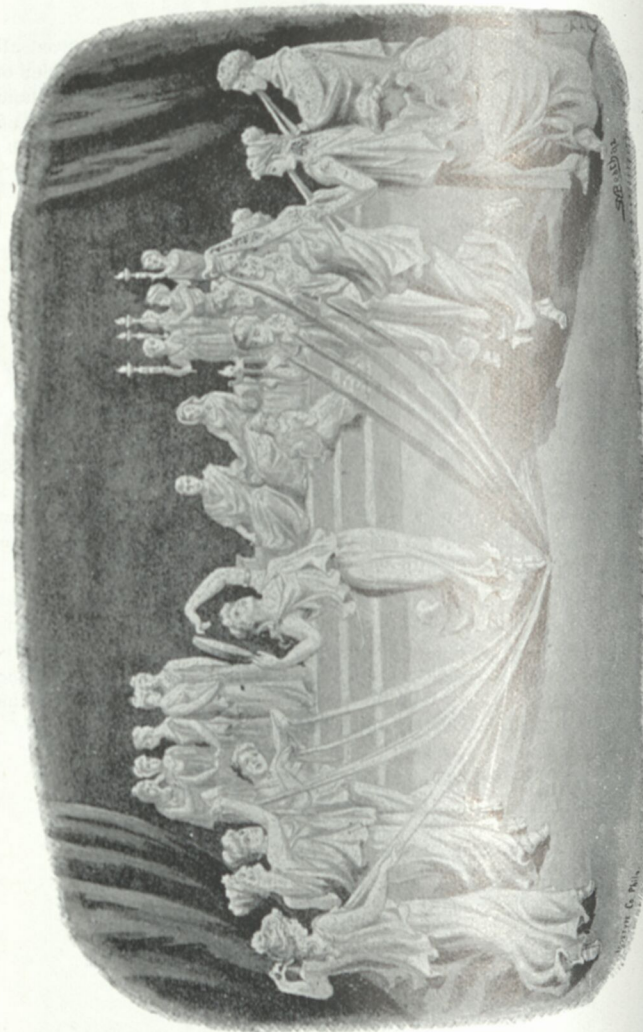
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A ROMAN WEDDING FESTIVAL.

## JEWISH WEDDING.

THERE is no nation with a more wonderful history than that of the children of Abraham who came from "Ur of the Chaldees." Their worship of the One God through the ages has been the theme of history.

Their marriage ceremony is not only beautiful but dramatic. Its action is thus: costumes superbly oriental. The canopy bearers await the arrival of the bridegroom and his friends. The bride is led three times around the groom beneath the crimson canopy. The Rabbi enters. Vestments of royal purple. The Rabbi removes the Talith worn by the bridegroom. He wraps it about the two to show they are one. The ring, the gourd and the goblet. The sacred wine is drank from the same cup. A symbol. The goblet is dashed to the ground. Revels of the torch boys. Joyous and triumphal march to the house of the bridegroom.

The passing pageant is met by an itinerant dancing girl, whose exquisite and graceful movements breathe the fascination of oriental life.

"A presentation of such proportions and magnificence has never before been given here."—  
*Daily Journal, Providence.*

## THE INDIAN MARRIAGE RITE.

THE story of the love of Pocahontas for John Smith, her grief at his supposed death, her marriage with John Rolfe, her meeting Smith in London and her death from a broken heart, is one of the saddest and most romantic in the annals of the early colonial days.

All historians picture this Indian maiden as small in stature, but slight and graceful as a young fawn. Dressed in a doe skin, with bare arms and coral bracelets, she wore in her straight, black hair a white plume as the badge of a princess. We all know the story of her appeal to her autocratic father for the life of the condemned Smith. Powhatan, at first angry, smiled grimly as he took the whim to give this great pale face warrior as a slave to his daughter, and he accordingly condemned him to make trinkets for her adornment. The dusky maiden soon contrived the escape of her prisoner, who returned to the infant colony of Jamestown. James I carrying his belief in the divine right of kings so

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A JEWISH WEDDING PROCESSION.

far that he ordered Powhatan to be crowned, as king of all the surrounding tribes of Indians, the royal savage, far from appreciating the compliment of the English sovereign, became so pompous and unfriendly that he cut off all supplies of food from Jamestown.

Through a long winter the colony would have died of starvation if Pocahontas, with her maidens, had not brought canoe loads of provisions, sometimes in the dead of night.

These repeated acts of kindness to his perishing men won the noble heart of Smith, and in the Virginia forests the dusky maiden and the white warrior told their love and made their plans. A few months of untroubled happiness was theirs, and then came the news that conspirators in England had spread false reports about Smith's treatment of the Indians and that his office as governor of the colony had been given to another.

The fiery and generous hearted warrior was greatly wounded by what seemed black ingratitude, as the prowess of his deeds had kept the Indians in check, and his military discipline had compelled the lazy colonists to plant and hoe and reap against their will.

He sailed for England, promising to return and wed Pocahontas after he had cast the lie in the teeth of his traducers.

The moment he left the colony discipline ceased, the Indians lost their fear and peril threatened from without and within.

As a war measure the colonists seized Pocahontas and held her as a hostage.

Then came the news of John Smith's death, and the dusky maiden's heart seemed broken. Long and faithfully she mourned him. But youth is elastic, John Rolfe was tender and strong, and finally the maiden listened again to words of love and troth.

While Pocahontas was held in captivity a hunchback Indian, named Rawhunt, had served as a messenger between Powhatan and the girl, carrying strange figures scratched on birch bark that none else could read.

When the wedding came Powhatan sent a deputation of warriors and many squaws and children, but would not go himself.

All honor in the way of Indian games and pastimes was done the beloved young princess, and John Rolfe was received by them as a perpetual friend.

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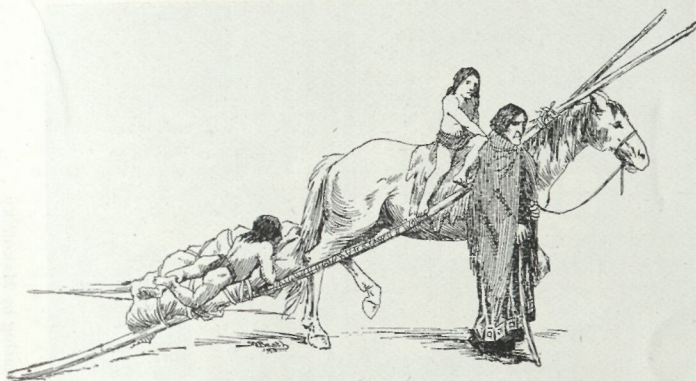
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THE INDIAN OATH OF FRIENDSHIP TO JOHN ROLFE AFTER HIS MARRIAGE TO POCAHONTAS.



Two or three years passed in peace and happiness, and then John Rolfe and his wife and boy sailed for England. Pocahontas was received with royal honors, the Queen kissed her on both cheeks, and the King would not permit her to kneel before him. But not so with master Rolfe, he gained no favor, and the king turned his back contemptuously upon him, remarking: "The silly loon has dared to marry royal blood, he, a subject, a simple gentleman, without my consent."

At this time in London the great sensation was the talk of the coming representation of Skakespeare's drama, "The Tempest." John Smith who for years had been an intimate friend of "Sweet Will," as he was familiarly called, had upon his arrival in London, told him of the brave act of Pocahontas in saving his life, and Shakespeare makes her the original of Miranda; John Smith is the Ferdinand, Powhatan is the angry Prospero and Rawhunt is the Caliban.

At the play Pocahontas was in the Queen's box, and the ancient historian tells us that her face grew as white as her smock, as she saw John Smith in Shakespeare's box.

The sadly parted lovers met once again in London, and the heart of the Indian was broken, as she realized that had she but waited, Smith would have returned to her. She died in London a few months later. Her son returned to Virginia and was the ancestor of one of the best and oldest families of that State.

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A RUSSIAN WEDDING FEAST.—From the Painting by Makofsky.

#### RUSSIAN MARRIAGE CUSTOMS.

AMONG the peasantry of Russia every form of marriage has existed. Marriage by capture was in force among the Southern Slavs no longer ago than the beginning of the present century.

Marriage by purchase existed among the Polians, who were the most advanced in their ideas of the family relationships. Until the 15th century no mention of dower in connection with a wife is found; previously the bridegroom always paid the family of the bride.

In many provinces of Russia the brother is considered the natural protector of the sister, and in the nuptial ceremony, as soon as the bridegroom appears in the courtyard of the bride's family, the brother takes his seat next the bride with a drawn sword in his hand. The bridegroom asks for the seat, the brother answers that he is there to protect his sister, and he must be paid to leave. The sword is adorned with red berries, red being the emblem of maidenhood among the Slavs.

During the Seventeenth Century the women in Little Russia, contrary to the custom of any other nation, chose husbands for themselves. The wife was not selected or asked by the husband.

Many of the peasants had a curious habit of going before a town assembly, and the man said: "You are my wife," and the woman said: "You are my husband," and the assembly answered in concert: "So be it," and the marriage was binding. But when a Greek priest performed the service he led the bride to the groom, put her hand in his, and said: "Wolf, take thy lamb." Then the father approached, and, striking the bride across the shoulders, gave the whip to the groom.

Two hundred years ago the condition of the Russian woman of the upper class was worse than that of the peasant. She was a complete slave; she had no society. When Peter I. decreed that men and women should meet in the assemblies, it was looked upon as the strangest innovation, and finally he had to issue a decree, telling just what each were to do and say. Now all is changed.

We are told that in Russia is the oddest union of the most absolute barbarism and the most polished civilization that the world holds. Society has nothing to-day so perfectly cultured as the Russian patrician, Europe nothing so ignorant as the Russian peasant. Perhaps from these conflicting elements will come a great and noble race.

"The Russian Wedding Feast, which is a living representation of Makoffsky's great painting, was warmly applauded."—*Philadelphia Times*.

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A DUTCH WEDDING FESTIVAL.—From the Painting by Teniers.

#### A DUTCH WEDDING.

THE people of Holland are noted for their stolidity, their thrift and their cleanliness.

Among such phlegmatic and thrifty people marriages are generally based on prudential motives.

The lover presents his sweetheart with a handkerchief knotted at one end. Inside is either money or trinkets. If the girl accepts his suit she unties the knot.

Many Dutch women purchase coral necklaces worth a thousand francs, and have in their boxes more than ten thousand florins worth of rings, pins and trinkets.

The ceremonial of marriage is that observed by the Lutheran Church, and the festivities that attend it are full of motion, joy, feasting and dancing.

The feasting is kept up three days, and the bride wears an apron with large pockets. As each guest approaches, the bride holds open her pocket, and each friend throws in a piece of money. It is contrary to custom to count the money, and the bride often faints from the weight of it.



Dutch Dancing Girl.

"A most amusing scene was the Dutch Wedding Festivity. The old Holland costumes, the wooden shoes, the characteristic dancing delighted the audience. This drama received several encores."—*Buffalo Courier*.

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A JAPANESE WEDDING.



THE BUTTERFLY DANCE.

#### JAPANESE WEDDING.

IN Japan it is very difficult for a foreigner to see a marriage ceremony, as they consider it too sacred for the eyes of any except a blood relation. In China, the custom is quite different and strangers are freely invited.

At a Japanese wedding there are two guests dressed as butterflies and they are the masters of ceremony. They see that the fete is in readiness and they act as escorts to all the other guests, even the bride and bridegroom.

On a table stand two immense figures, which represent the first man and woman, also a stork, a dwarf cedar and gifts of cuttle fish and edible sea weed, the latter denoting frugality. The butterflies themselves are a symbol, as the butterfly is supposed to be a type of wedded bliss.

There are no priests, no written contracts, and the sacred part of the ceremony is when the pair drink together from a double cup, a sign that hereafter they shall drink together of the joys and sorrows of life.

Immediately after this a third butterfly in silver sheen leads the daintiest and quaintest of dances in which all the guests supplied with immense butterfly fans join. Through the whole scene runs a strain of native Japanese music with plaintive and weird melody.

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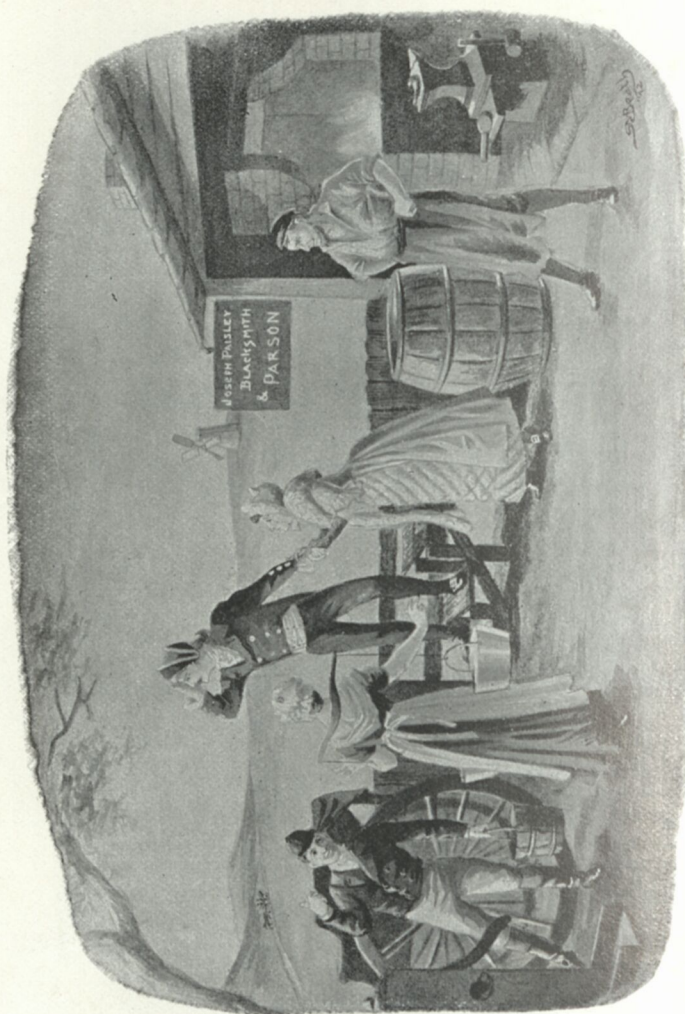
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AN OLD TIME ELOPEMENT TO GRETNA GREEN.

#### A RUNAWAY MATCH.

GRETNA GREEN, the paradise of runaway lovers, is a little village in Dumfries-shire, just across the English "border," and the first convenient halting place in Scotland where the law held a marriage contract valid, if the parties mutually declared their intention before a witness. Many lovers fled to Gretna Green to escape the rigid English law which required the consent of parents or guardians, the publication of banns and the presence of a priest. The law of England, however, acknowledges the validity of any marriage ceremony performed according to the law of the land in which it takes place.

So with great cupidity one Joseph Paisley, a man of colossal strength and a blacksmith by trade, added to his calling that of a parson, and styled himself "Bishop of Gretna," and drove a thriving business in marrying runaway couples. This he did in defiance of the laws of England; and Gretna Green was often the scene of many a little comedy, aye, and tragedy.

The marriage at Gretna Green of the Earl of Westmoreland with Miss Child, the heiress of the great banker, was long remembered for one circumstance. The fugitive pair were closely pursued and nearly overtaken within a few miles of the "border," but the Earl, to gain a start of ten minutes, drew a pistol and shot the leading horse of Mr. Child's carriage.

An amusing anecdote is told of a dashing young fellow, penniless but handsome, running away with an heiress to Gretna Green. The post-boy, whom he had hired in a small country town, was stone deaf, and the carriage, a crazy old rattletrap, was nigh falling to pieces. However, it was the best that could be procured, and they hastily proceeded on their journey. When within a few miles of the desired goal, the carriage broke down—literally parted in two. The deaf post boy, all unconscious of the accident, rattled along with the two front wheels, to the great relief of the jaded horses, leaving the despairing lovers in the body of the carriage wildly gesticulating, and in agony of fear. Their pursuers could be seen in the distance, and the situation was appalling as can be well imagined.

The story from life, which forms the subject of our illustration is entitled:

#### GRETNA GREEN; OR, THE ELOPEMENT.

A Farceical Comedy in Pantomime.

SCENE:—Gretna Green on the borders of Scotland. The blacksmith's shop. Joseph Paisley, blacksmith and parson. Arrival of the runaway couple. Fear of the irate parents in pursuit. The tippet and the muff. Where's the ring? Parson refuses at first to perform the ceremony. The bride. "Love laughs at locksmiths." Aye! and blacksmiths. The knot is tied. The post-boy, the pump and the pail. "The maid with the milking pails." Rustic curiosity. What a beautiful muff and tippet! I must put them on. A dance. Rural flirtation. The town-post-boy and the country maid. A tiff, followed by a kiss. Consternation. The irate parents seen in the distance. "Let's hide behind the carriage." The storming papa, the fainting mamma. The register. The signature. Too late! I shall faint. Tableau. The happy couple.

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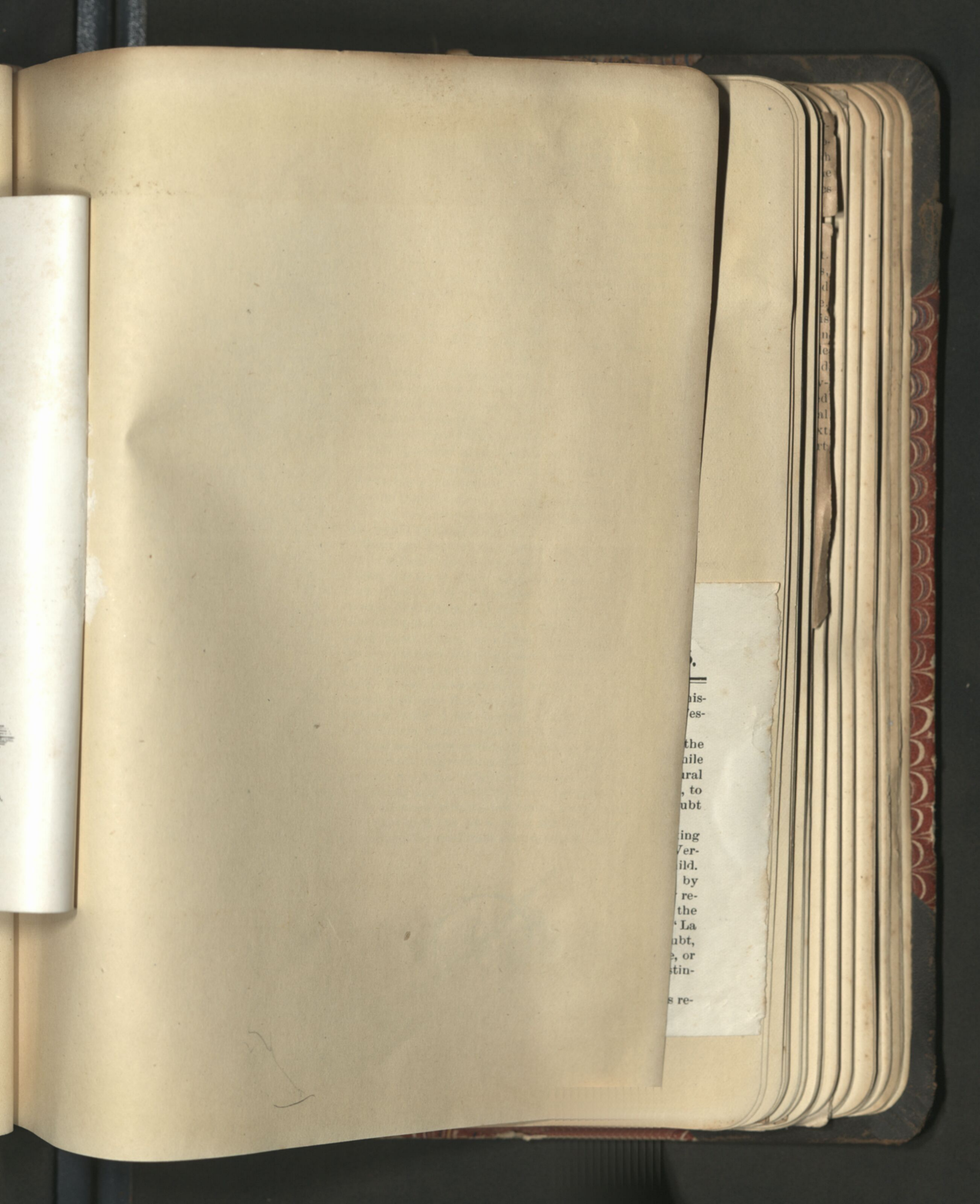
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INDIAN CHIEF

In the Marriage of John Rolfe and Pocahontas.



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## Scientific American.

### RECENTLY DISCOVERED BUST OF LOUIS XVII.

BY HENRI MORAND.

During the "Reign of Terror," it will be remembered that Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, as well as their son, the Dauphin, were held prisoners in the Temple. On the 21st of January, 1793, the King was beheaded, and the Queen met with the same fate shortly afterward. The Dauphin was intrusted to the care of the cruel shoemaker jailer, Simon, who made the child the



BOURBON WAX DOLL OF THE LAST CENTURY IN NANTUCKET MUSEUM.

subject of his ill treatment, and, it is said, caused his death on the 8th of June, 1795.

Many, however, believed that the body of a poor boy was substituted for that of the Dauphin, and that, with enormous sums, the Emperor of Austria, his grandfather, succeeded in bribing Simon, who allowed the child to escape to that country, where he was brought up by a village watchmaker, of the name of Neuendorf, who taught him his trade. At the age of twenty, having obtained cognizance of his high birth, he tried to have himself recognized by the court of Austria, but was ignored.



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room for some improvements in the palace of Ver-  
sailles, they discovered the defaced bust of a child.  
The nose, mouth, and chin broken, undoubtedly by  
the vandals of the French revolution. After many re-  
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Louis XVII, and the work of one of the most distin-  
guished French sculptors of the time, Deseine.

The French government had the mutilated parts re-  
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He then returned to the village of his youth, married, and later removed to Holland, where he and his family were protected by a

secret hand. The sons of Neuendorf entered the Hollandish army and became officers. In the cemetery of Maestrecht his tomb bears, it is said, the following inscription: "Ici repose Louis XVII, roi de France, né à Versailles le 1785, mort à Maestrecht. Priez pour lui."

A book was published, years ago, by Harper & Company, the title of which was: "Have we a King Among Us?" The story tells us that the Dauphin was taken to Florida and brought up by an Indian family. One day, as the Dauphin was taking a bath, he struck his head against a rock. This accident made him forget

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# TESTING THE PARTS OF A MODERN BICYCLE

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we believe they will be of interest to our readers.  
The bridge engineer, weight not having to be measured by ounces, allows an ample margin for safety in his work, yet prescribes for his steel the most rigorous requirements. With the excessively small factor of safety of a bicycle, the Pope Manufacturing Company have felt that such exactitude of requirement is more than ever essential. Accordingly the steel used in the construction of their wheel is ordered by certain specimens have to be supplied for examination and analyzed in the laboratory, its percentage of carbon, phosphorus, sulphur and nickel being determined. The records of this testing must be valuable beyond price.  
The limit of toleration does not come within a year of the work of the testing department. Even the work of the wheel is constantly being tried under conditions as a guide.

APRIL 3, 1897.

For The Inquirer and Mirror.

### Housekeepers, Attention!

Since the annual festival so dear to housekeepers generally, and to Nantucket women especially, is close at hand, listen we beg you, to some suggestions for making this event less onerous and even more enjoyable in the future. Why not look over those boxes of books and trunks of papers that every year are pulled out from under your eaves simply in order that the space where they stand may be scrubbed with pearline, and decide to give the interesting things at once to the Historical Association and throw the rubbish away? You will feel ever so much better, and the Society will hold you in grateful remembrance forever. And those kickshaws brought long ago from sea or later from southern prisons, why not put them in a place where they will be cared for with reverence, instead of leaving them to be used as kindling by those who are surely coming after you? We have been told that it is no unusual thing for family papers of social interest or great historic value to be blowing about Main street after an auction of old furniture. Why not dispose more wisely of these matters yourselves? Anything relating in any way to the history of Nantucket is of use to the N. H. A.—papers, portraits, miniatures, letters, log-books, accounts, all and everything throwing any light on the old island life. Persons having any such articles to give are requested to communicate with Miss Susan A. Starbuck, Miss Susie E. Brock or Miss Mary E. Starbuck.

The Historical Association Rooms will be open Monday, June 28, for the season.

JUNE 26, 1897.

## Quakerism on Nantucket

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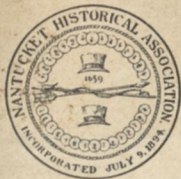
MISS S. E. BROCK, CURATOR,  
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## The Historical Soc

THE Annual Exhibition of Historic Relics will be opened Monday, June 28th, and our townspeople are earnestly requested to notify the committee of any articles that they wish to contribute. We are especially desirous to obtain fold portraits, daguerreotypes, silhouettes, or other pictures of historic interest. Also, coats of-arms, old books and documents bearing on local history, lamps and lanterns. Those wishing to donate articles will please notify MISS M. E. STARBUCK, Secretary, or MISS S. E. BROCK.

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# N. H. A. Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the Historical Association will be held, Tuesday, July 27th, at Hall. An address will be given by I. Porter, of Boston, on "The Art of England." Other speakers will be present. Business meeting at 3 o'clock. Officers, proposed amendments, and such matters as may come up will be discussed at the meeting. Address at 3.45 p.m.

MARY E. STARBUCK

July 27

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RS—For <sup>4</sup>One Years,

MISS HELEN B. W. WORTH.

Mrs. M. E. Starbuck.  
I give me great pleasure to  
inform you that at the Annual  
Meeting of the N. H. A. you were  
unanimously made a Life  
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Yrs. Sincerely,  
Susan A. Starbuck.  
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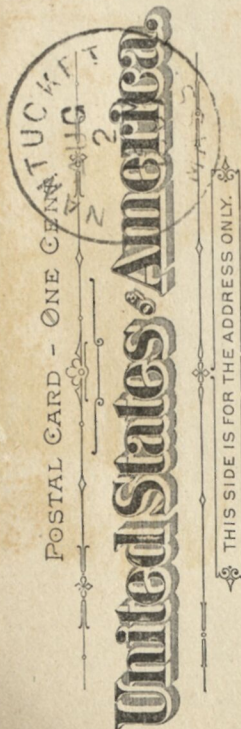
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COUNCILORS—For <sup>4</sup>One Years,

MRS. GEO. G. FISH, MISS HELEN B. W. WORTH.

JULY 31, 1897.

### Annual Meeting.

The Nantucket Historical Association held its third annual meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 27th, in Athenaeum Hall. About one hundred were present. President Mitchell called the meeting to order with a gavel made from a bit of Nantucket oak timber taken from the building formerly used for a counting house by William Rotch. This gavel was made and presented to the association by Capt. James F. Brown.

The reports of the various departments showed the association to be in good condition, free from debt and with an increasing membership list. The annual election resulted in the choice of the following officers:

President, Dr. J. Sidney Mitchell; Vice-Presidents, Rev. M. S. Dudley, Mr. Henry S. Wyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Starbuck, Dr. Benjamin Sharp, Mr. Alex. Starbuck, Mr. Wilson Macy; Treasurer, Mr. C. C. Crosby; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary E. Starbuck; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Susan A. Starbuck; Councilors—For Four Years, Mrs. Geo. G. Fish, Miss Helen B. W. Worth.

Mr. Wendell Macy's resignation from the council was read and accepted, and Miss Annie W. Bodfish was elected for the remainder of Mr. Macy's term. Dr. Sharp's proposed amendment to the constitution was adopted and as a result the librarian and cabinet keeper became an officer instead of an appointee of the council, and the title was changed to "curator." Miss S. E. Brock was elected to the office. To fill the vacancy on the council left by Miss Brock's appointment as curator, Miss Mary E. Macy was elected for the remainder of Miss Brock's term. On motion of Mr. Dudley the following were made life members of the association, viz:—

Miss A. W. Bodfish, Mrs. M. E. Dudley, Miss M. E. Macy, Miss M. E. Starbuck, Miss H. B. W. Worth, Miss S. E. Brock, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Mrs. S. E. Raymond, Miss S. A. Starbuck.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, Rev. Mr. Dudley was made a life member of the association, as a slight recognition of his inestimable services in behalf of the association.

It was voted that the offices of curator and recording secretary should be salaried positions, and that for the current year the salary of each appointee should be \$25.00. After the business meeting, Rev. Edward G. Porter of Boston, gave a most delightful and suggestive address on "The Argonauts of New England," among whom our own Nantucket ancestors were not the least important. He was followed by Dr. Harrison Allen of Philadelphia, who gave an interesting and instructive account of "The Aborigines of Nantucket." He urged the preservation of all Nantucket Indian relics as a contribution of great value to the general history of the North American Indians. After some closing remarks by Mr. Dudley and Dr. Mitchell, the meeting was declared adjourned.

### RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

This third year of the Historical Association has been on the whole quite as satisfactory as those preceding. The transitory advantages and disadvantages of a new organization have both diminished, and in place thereof there seems to be a slow and wholesome growth.

It is true that we have to regret the loss by death of three valued charter members, Rev. Louise Baker and Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby of Nantucket, and Mrs. Mary Cushman Brown of New Bedford. It is true also that five members have withdrawn, four at least for causes other than loss of interest. On the other hand eleven new members have been added to the membership list. Just here perhaps, the suggestion might be made that if those who for any reason do not care to continue in the society would, on receipt of the treasurer's notice, send him word to that effect, it would simplify the keeping of an accurate membership list, though this seems perhaps a small matter to bring to your attention. The present method employed is to retain the names of non-paying members on the books for two years, just to see if they really mean it, after which "dropped for non-payment of dues" is added to the cards in the catalogue. When notice of withdrawal is sent, they are simply marked "withdrawn."

There has been during the year a noticeable increase of local interest in the society, owing in part to the "free week" given last fall to the townspeople, in place of the public reception or entertainment. People generally have seemed to have no clear idea of what we wanted until they have seen what we had, and there were very few of the visitors during that week who

were not reminded of something which they could and did contribute. The Association is also becoming fairly well-known abroad—"abroad" in the Nantucket sense—and one of its last communications came from Alaska.

The council has held eleven meetings against ten of the year before, and all but one were well attended. Among the many results of these meetings was the undertaking of the copying and preservation of the inscriptions on all the monuments and grave-stones on the island. The committee having this matter in charge were of the opinion that the best means of preservation was the card catalogue system, and accordingly a case was purchased holding six thousand cards. Work was begun late in the summer on the old North burying ground, and before October with great perseverance and strenuous manual labor on everybody's part, every inscription at all legible was copied line for line, and during the winter was re-copied in ink and card-catalogued. Already they have been frequently consulted and many of them copied and sent away. Members' names and addresses are also card catalogued.

If when addresses are changed notice should be sent to the recording secretary, the courtesy would be fully appreciated.

In August the association's first bulletin was published, consisting of Mr. Henry B. Worth's essay on "Quakerism since 1800." It has had a fairly good sale, but we should be glad to dispose of the remainder of the edition that we might be able to publish a second bulletin, for which the material is already prepared. During the winter one of the vice-presidents has made for the association three typewritten copies of the second volume of the George Howland Folger manuscripts, and proposes to copy the third volume before next spring.

As usual it has been necessary to lay out some money for repairs on the building, and Wannacomet water has been led in. It was also decided by the council that this year it was possible to gratify the attendants with the luxury of window shades and screens, and by so doing we were enabled to enjoy the first gratuitous labor performed for the society by anyone outside "the immediate family," for Mr. Keene made no charge for the rather arduous work of putting up the window shades.

Recently we were gratified by another instance of the growing friendliness towards the association. When the engine was brought up from its winter quarters on Commercial wharf and placed in position on the north side of the N. H. A. building, that work also was freely given by Mr. Hamblen. This month the association has received its first bequest.

We wish very much to make a collection of daguerreotypes of old residents and landmarks. We have a very interesting daguerreotype of Main St., before the great fire, and there must

be many others in existence or about that date, since daguerreotypes were made at Nantucket very shortly after the process was known in this country.

More than anything, we need a fire-proof building. We have land enough at the rear of the meeting-house for a brick extension of sufficient size for our purposes, and when we have such an addition many valuable relics will come back to the island. They have already been promised, and for many reasons it seems expedient to claim them as soon as possible.

The council asks more than ever for your moral and financial support, since the time is not far distant when it will miss at its annual meetings the untiring energy, the far-seeing wisdom and the noble generosity of our first vice president. However, since the truest friendship strengthens us to go on without it, we shall hope that the future work of the society will show that we were not unworthy friends and pupils of him without whom this association would not have existed.

MARY E. STARBUCK, Rec. Sec.

#### CURATOR'S REPORT.

It is with pleasure that I again report a most prosperous year in the department of our Association, of which I have charge, viz: the collection of antique and historical articles and the exhibition of the same. I will repeat the figures of each year to give an idea of the proportional increase. In 1895 we had 304 articles donated and 130 loaned. In 1896, 568 donations and 180 loans. We opened this season with 883 donations and 198 loans; and during the past month have received enough articles to swell the total to 1115. Many of these are of great value. We take especial pride in the interesting collection of Peruvian—*i. e.* Incan pottery—sent us as a gift by Mr. Francis Lewis Crosby, of Lima, Peru, who, with this and smaller donations, has generously remembered his native isle. Amongst other desirable gifts may be mentioned the tall clock, a bequest of a very old fashioned portrait, a historical camp-chair, an excellent photograph of a painting of Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, a commodious desk of 1850, &c. By the kindness of individuals who gave us presents in money, we have been enabled to buy several long desired articles, such as the original portrait of Hon. Walter Folger, painted by Hathaway, and the genealogical tree of the Mayhew family. We have also purchased the beautifully carved eagle from the paddle-boxes of our dear old "Island Home," and a picture of the same beloved steamer, painted by Mr. Wendell Macy. Time is too limited for me to make special mention of more. I can only remind you that all the rest are on exhibition every day. We have made some improvements in arrangement and have attempted some little classification, although not much can be accomplished in this direction until our dream of a fire-proof extension becomes a reality.

We average something over a thousand visitors during the three months that the building is opened daily. And what seems rather a remarkable coincidence to us, the receipts at the door have amounted each year to the same sum, with the small difference of 55 cents in our favor last summer. We are just now anticipating with sorrow our first real misfortune—the impending loss of our 1st vice-president, the Rev. Myron S. Dudley—our chief advisor and the originator and promoter of every scheme to extend our usefulness and widen our influence. We feel that his place can scarcely be filled by the united efforts of all of us, but as Dr. Holmes once humorously expressed it in a similar case, if we cannot fill his place “we’ll all try to rattle round in it a little.” We shall always consider him one of us, wherever he may be. His example should inspire us to do our best, and we hope and intend to work so hard that he may in the future be proud to think of the association which owes its very existence to his zeal and perseverance.

S. E. Brock, Curator.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### GENERAL FUND.

*Nantucket Historical Association in account with  
Charles C. Crosby, Treasurer.*

1896.	
June 1, by balance.....	\$59 43
August 24, by Miss Georgiana White's gift.....	1 00
August 24, by Mr. Hiram Prince.....	10 00
September 21, by gate money.....	17 25
October 2, by pamphlets.....	12 00
Oct. 10, by gate money and pamphlets..	75 30
Nov. 2, by Mrs William Barnes' gift...	5 00
Nov. 23, by pamphlets.....	1 50
Nov. 23, by dues received for year ending May 31st, 1896.....	3 00
1897.	
June 1, by dues for year ending May 31st, 1897.....	133 00
June 1, by dues for year ending May 31st, 1898.....	97 00
June 1, by dues for year ending May 31st, 1899.....	6 00
By Edwin J. Hulbert's gift.....	1 00
By sale of old shingles.....	50
	\$421 98

1896.	DR.
August 27, to Hiram Price's gift, transferred to sinking fund	\$10 00
October 12, to Henry B. Worth for pamphlets.....	40 00
To sundry bills paid.....	250 57
To balance to credit.....	121 41
	\$421 98

##### SINKING FUND.

1896.	
June 1, by balance.....	\$434 47
July 10, by interest on deposit to July 1st, 1896.....	8 68
August 26, amount received from marriage drama.....	118 00
Amount received from Poster Show, Dr. Benjamin Sharp.....	17 70
Hiram Price's gift.....	10 00
September 16, gate money.....	100 00
1897.	
April 6, interest on deposit from July 1st, 1896, to January 1st, 1897.....	11 31
	\$700 16

#### SUMMARY.

##### Cash Assets.

Contingent fund deposited in Nantucket Institution for Savings.....	\$739 16
General fund deposited in Pacific National Bank.....	27 88
	\$767 04
Building insured for \$800—expires September 5th, 1897.....	\$800 00
Collections insured for \$1000, expires December 4th, 1898.....	\$1000 00
	\$2,567 04

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

During the past year 32 official letters have been written in answer to those received; 30 postal cards of thanks for many donations. Within a few days votes of thanks to Mr. Bruce Upton for a fine large picture of Admiral Coffin, also to Mrs. Gurley for her generous donation of \$25, have been sent. We hoped to have had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Christopher Hussey among our speakers to-day, but owing to extreme illness he is unable to be with us, but has expressed a great interest in our work and has sent us word that he is much disappointed that he cannot come. In a letter from his wife a short time ago, she wrote that his sketch of Nantucket called “Fireside talks of Older Nantucket,” was finished, and they hoped would be published very soon. Since our last council meeting I have received a letter from a lady in New York which shows her deep interest in our society, and with your permission, Mr. President, I will read it.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. STARBUCK, Cor. Sec.

#### The Argonauts of New England.

Mr. Porter spoke of the spirit of adventure which had characterized all maritime nations as being fitly illustrated in the mythical expedition of Jason and his heroic crew in the Argo in quest of the golden fleece. As that famous voyage had become an epic in the popular literature of Greece and Rome, its recital fired the hearts of mariners and led to many real achievements of high renown.

In the annals of bold and successful seamanship, Nantucket has a place as honorable and romantic as that of any port of ancient or modern times. I will not undertake, he said, to tell you the story of what many of you know much better than I do, but I may call your attention to the fact that from the beginning of the settlements at Plymouth, and Salem, and Boston, our fathers not only subdued the forest and planted a succession of flourishing towns, but they also struck out upon the sea in search of commodities which they needed. A remunerative trade was thus built up which at a very early date required a numerous fleet and a class of seamen trained for the service. There was hardly a coast town in New England that did not send ships and

men to the other colonies, the West Indies, the Canaries, or ports in Europe and Africa. And as the population increased, this trade grew to large proportions. In 1738 Boston had eighteen ship-yards and built forty-one topsail vessels; and in 1748 she sent 540 vessels to sea, excluding coasters and fishermen.

Immediately after the Revolutionary War our commerce received a quickening in all directions. The first ship to carry our flag to London, or I believe to any British port, was the Bedford, Captain Mooers, from Nantucket in 1783, with a cargo of oil. The first ship to take our flag around the world was the Columbia, 212 tons, sailing from Boston in 1787. Her owners had been encouraged by the publication of Capt. Cook's journals to believe that a profitable trade could be opened on the northwest coast by which sea-otter furs could be taken to Canton and exchanged for teas and silks. When the Columbia returned to Boston in August, 1790—being the first American ship to circumnavigate the globe—she was received with salvos of artillery, and her officers and owners were entertained at a public reception given by Governor Hancock. Capt. Gray had brought home with him a young Hawaiian—the first of his race to tread American soil—and as they walked arm in arm in the procession from Long wharf, the swarthy chieftain attracted much attention by his beautiful cloak and helmet made of the exquisite yellow feathers of the Oo bird. That cloak may now be seen in the Boston Art Museum. One of the choice otter skins was sent to General Washington—then in the second year of his administration—as a covering for his saddle, but the magnanimous president gave it to his wife who had it made into a fine muff. Whether that muff has been preserved or not I cannot say. It certainly ought to have been.

On her second voyage the Columbia gained great distinction by the discovery in 1792 of that noble river of the west, to which Capt. Gray gave the name of his ship. Mr. Porter described the meeting of Gray and Vancouver on the northwest coast, and showed how the Yankee skipper outwitted the English explorer in finding the river and sailing up its waters and taking formal possession in the name of the United States. It was that act that gave us at last an acknowledged title to the sovereignty of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. It will be interesting to you to know that in the list of the Columbia's crew I have found some well-known Nantucket names. Surely no Argonauts of the levant ever achieved such a peaceful and creditable conquest as this! and no golden fleece of Colchis can compare in value with the resources of that grand northwestern country which now forms so important a part of our national domain.

[Want of space compels us to omit other portions of the address referring to the subsequent trade of New England with China, Calcutta, Madagascar and Russia, in order that we may give the speaker's impressions of Nantucket.]

I have been deeply interested, he said, in these reports at your annual meeting. I know something of the beginnings of many of our local historical societies in Massachusetts, and I cannot recall a single one which in the short space of three years has made such progress and obtained such collections as you have done. I congratulate you that you have on this wonderful little island so much to be commemorated. As this is my first visit I ought not to assume much knowledge of the place or the people, yet I have been so much impressed by the characteristics of both that I will not hesitate to tell you what a stranger thinks.

In walking up from the steamboat last evening I was surprised to see so many shade trees in the heart of the town. I had read somewhere that you hadn't any trees and here in your principal streets I found the overhanging foliage as dense as in Plymouth or Marblehead or any of our older towns. This was an agreeable discovery and I hope you will go on planting trees along all your roads. Like human beings they will help one another to live and thrive. A few would be lonely and feeble, but in sufficient numbers and with proper care they will reward all your efforts.

I will also say that I like your narrow peaceful streets, with their peculiar pavements and sidewalks, often only on one side. As you are not burdened with traffic they answer all the necessities of town life, and they seem to belong to the place. The houses, too, show certain features not common elsewhere. The practice of building two-thirds of a house on one side of the front door and one-third on the other, gives you more than a cottage and less than a mansion, and this is precisely what many families want. I can see the Dutch influence, coming to you probably from New York, in the projecting front porches with side steps. The most striking of all your architectural peculiarities is the outlook platform on the roof—what I should call the hurricane deck and which must have been the contrivance of sailors—a refreshing resort on a Summer evening, where I fancy in the olden time the forlorn maidens of Nantucket used to go to watch the departure of their lovers as they sailed away on their long and perilous voyages. Your lawns too, are surprisingly fresh and green, and the flowers and shrubs around some of the cottages on the Cliff show what can be done. I have not yet seen the windmill—the only survivor of its race—but I hope it will long keep its place in the landscape which indeed would be widowed without it.

The absence of advertising posters is another proof of the superior civilization of Nantucket. I did see a small one in the outskirts of the town, but it looked as if it were outlawed. It had to do with bicycles, but when the agent finds out that he has violated the good sense of the islanders and is sure not to sell anything that is placarded, he will make haste to remove the intruder.

But there are other things better than posters which I hope your artists will some day put before our eyes—on these walls of the Athenaeum perhaps—I refer to historical illustrations of some of the picturesque and significant events in your annals. For example, that scene on the shore in 1690, when several persons had gathered to watch the whales spouting and sporting in plain sight. One of the number—perhaps you can give me his name—pointed to the sea and with rare prophetic vision said: "There are the green pastures in which your children's children will find their bread."

Another scene I might suggest would be the arrival of the Bedford in the Thames, below London bridge and opposite to the tower, flying the new flag of the west and unloading her treasures of oil. Still another might be the fleet of whalers in the harbor of Honolulu, where hundreds of them had their rendezvous every year in the olden time. Then you could have Diamond Head and the tropical palms for the background, and a lively group of ships taking in water and fresh provisions, aided by a swarm of natives in their gay canoes.

It is sometimes said that you are isolated down here. This is a mistake. I venture to say that you see more of the world than almost any place of your size on the mainland. Take the average town in the interior of the state and you will find the inhabitants more provincial and less in touch with the busy world than you are. These white-winged messengers of commerce that are always in sight here, even though they do not call, are a perpetual reminder of national and international life. They tell of busy wharves and teeming markets and big warehouses and bustling activities in all parts of the earth. This of itself, would be to me an unfailing source of inspiration.

And then, why should you not find your golden fleece in the future, as Heligoland, the Scilly Isles, Capri and other places resembling Nantucket in position, are now doing, by making your island so attractive to visitors that they will be drawn here by thousands? They are ready to come. In many respects you have no rival. Your unique history gives a decided

Monday evenings in each month, at the first to attend their meetings, held at the daily invites all visiting members of W. OMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, No. 86, Cor.

NOTICE

## Acquirer and Mirror.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1897.

### AUCTION SALES.

BY GEORGE E. MOOERS.

### Valuable Real Estate at Auction

WILL be sold at public auction on Wednesday, August 4th next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of salesroom, the following described parcels of valuable real estate, viz:

"THE OLD MILL," built in 1746, with the land under and adjoining the same, about 1-2 acre; also the lot near the above containing about 2 acres, belonging to the estate of John F. Sylvia, deceased.

JOHN MURRAY, JR., Attorney.

Also at same time and place, by virtue of a license of the Probate Court for Nantucket County, dated August 15th, 1896, the homestead of the late John F. Sylvia, deceased, situated on Spring street, in said Nantucket, with the land under and adjoining the same, bounded as follows: South by Spring street, west by land of E. S. Fitzgerald, north by land of C. S. Glidden, and east by land of Frank H. Fisher.

JOHN MURRAY, JR., Exec.

Terms, Cash on delivery of deeds.

Will also be sold, the Furniture now in the house on Spring street.

The "old mill" is each year visited by hundreds of tourists who willingly pay a small admission fee, thus making it, aside from its historic associations, a source of income to its owner.

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JULY 31, 1897.

### The Old Mill.

Considerable interest is expressed as to the probable fate of this old landmark. All seem to agree that it should be sacredly preserved on its ancient hill. In this connection we are authorized to state that the Nantucket Historical Association is very desirous to obtain possession of the mill, should the selling price prove to be within its limit. It is greatly to be hoped that this result will be accomplished, as the society would surely be the proper custodian of this time-honored landmark. The sale will occur on Wednesday next, as advertised.